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Aridor faces battle over proposed cuts

By AVI TEMKIN
Post Economic Reporter

The Finance Ministry will have a rough time before the cabinet if Finance Minister Yoram Aridor insists on cuts in government spending, rather than new taxation, to meet the anticipated costs of a pay settlement and other massive budgetary items.

Aridor said Wednesday that the unplanned expenditures should be accounted for by budget cuts, rather than by new or increased taxes. He added that he has no intention of adding to the country's "tax burden."

So far only Deputy Premier and Housing and Construction Minister David Levy and Tourism Minister Avraham Shafir have expressed support for Aridor's call. Shafir said yesterday that, although the question is problematic, he will support a cut in his ministry's budget on condition that this does not affect its marketing activities.

Somewhat less-clear-cut support came from Levy, who said that he will consider a specific proposal for a budget cut if it is submitted to the cabinet. Levy also made such a cut conditional on its not affecting Project Renewal.

Other ministries said yesterday that there is no room for cuts in their budgets. Among these were Education and Culture, Labour and Social Affairs, Communications and

Defence.

Commenting on these negative reactions, Finance Ministry officials said the ministries are "only prepared to take, never to give."

The officials said Aridor is not likely to raise his budget-cut proposal during the coming cabinet meeting, since "there is no pressing need for it."

Knesset Finance Committee chairman Shlomo Lorincz said that the public must be told the truth: that it is impossible to meet demands without raising taxes. Budget cuts, he said, are no solution, since the sums needed are much larger than those that could be provided by a budget cut.

At the moment, the ministries are spending according to what was planned, since the need for additional spending will be manifest only after the arbitration on the doctors' wages ends and the negotiations on teachers' salaries are concluded. The officials said the moment for a decision will arise when the items start to be felt in the ministries' budgets.

The officials added that when this happens, Aridor will be able to demand concrete answers from the cabinet about how the excessive spending will be financed. As long as this issue remains theoretical, they said, the ministers are likely to resist the idea of budget cuts or a tax rise.



Children at Jerusalem's Paula Ben-Gurion elementary school hold aloft portfolios containing their year's school work as they leave for summer vacation yesterday. (Rahamim Israeli)

Habib wants U.S. to urge total IDF withdrawal

By WOLF BLITZER
Jerusalem Post Correspondent

WASHINGTON. — Pressures are mounting in the Reagan administration to push for a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from all of Lebanon well-placed U.S. sources said yesterday.

Special Middle East envoy Philip Habib, now in the Middle East, was said to be the major advocate of such a U.S. strategy. The earlier U.S. position called for a simultaneous Israeli-Syrian-PLO withdrawal.

The sources said Habib and some other administration insiders are convinced that a complete Israeli pullout from Lebanon would lead to enormous pressure by the Arab world on Syria and the PLO to leave Lebanon as well.

Habib was reportedly authorized to sound out Israeli ministers on the concept during his meeting in

Jerusalem this week.

Israeli officials are familiar with these emerging trends within the Reagan administration, although they insist that the U.S. has not yet formally raised the proposal with Israel. Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir are known to be convinced that such a unilateral Israeli withdrawal would weaken prospects for a Syrian pullout. Israeli officials said it is naive to believe otherwise, given Syria's record in the negotiations to date.

Israel's proposal for a redeployment of forces in South Lebanon has met with a cool reception in Washington. The administration clearly fears that such an Israeli move would further reinforce the perception of a *de facto* partition of Lebanon.

Secretary of State George Shultz, however, indicated that the U.S. will not necessarily reject an Israeli redeployment. "If it's part of a process to bring about a full

withdrawal it's a good thing," Shultz told reporters aboard his aircraft flying to India on Wednesday. "Otherwise, it presents problems."

Shultz was trying to determine whether he should stop over in the Middle East following his East Asian journey. U.S. officials said yesterday no decision had been made.

The Middle East Policy Survey, a Washington newsletter, yesterday reported that both Shultz and President Ronald Reagan had agreed at a recent National Security Council meeting that Habib raise the matter of a unilateral Israeli withdrawal from Lebanon with Israeli officials this week.

The newsletter also reported that the Lebanese government of President Amin Gemayel had informed Washington that it will refuse to implement its agreement with Israel if Israel undertakes a partial redeployment in the south.

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Israeli-Phalange ties in 1948-51 disclosed

By BENNY MORRIS
Jerusalem Post Reporter

In 1948, a Phalange Party contactman asked Zionist leaders for Israeli help in overthrowing the pro-war regime in Beirut.

The subsequent Israeli-Phalange contacts that year apparently came to naught. Contacts were renewed some two years later, when the Lebanese sought Israeli financial help for the general-election campaign of the spring of 1951.

After long deliberations in Israel, Jerusalem gave the Phalange a one-time grant of \$3,000, and a communications link was established.

The Phalange performance in the Lebanese elections was dismal. These facts are in a recently declassified Foreign Ministry file, covering 1948-51, which also reveals

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that a number of senior Israeli officials three decades ago, warned the Israeli government not to expect too much from the budding relationship.

But the assistance and repeated contacts laid the foundation for the

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No signs of thaw in Cairo-J'lem 'cold peace'

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

There are no signs of a thaw in the "cold peace" between Israel and Egypt following the signing of the Lebanon agreement six weeks ago. In fact, the freeze in relations is felt in Israel to be deepening, and the trickle of "normalization" is growing steadily weaker.

Israeli officials are concerned that the longer the freeze lasts, the more difficult it will be to return to a gradual process of expanding commercial ties and other human contacts between the two countries.

Egypt has indicated that it will return its ambassador, whom it recalled in September 1982, after Israel withdraws from Lebanon or sets a firm timetable for withdrawal.

But Israel had hoped — and indeed is still hoping — that the agreement it signed with Lebanon in May, which Cairo welcomed at the time, could mark the start of an

improvement in relations with Egypt.

Earlier this month, an Egyptian Foreign Ministry spokesman said in Cairo that ambassador Sa'ad Mordada would be returning to Tel Aviv soon, for at least a few days, before retiring from the foreign service.

But the spokesman's statement seems to have been premature; at any rate there is no sign of Mordada's imminent return.

The man tipped to succeed Mordada, Omar Siri, told newsmen in Geneva this week that there was no intention of sending him to Israel until a timetable for Israel's withdrawal from Lebanon was finalized.

To the extent that "normalization" of relations is quantified by the free movement of goods and persons, there is a continuing deterioration.

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Habib told: Beirut against partial pullout

BEIRUT (Reuters). — The Lebanese government told U.S. special envoy Philip Habib yesterday it opposed any partial withdrawal of Israeli troops unless such a move was part of a total pullout, Lebanese Prime Minister Shafik al-Wazzan said.

Wazzan, speaking to reporters after talks with Habib and his negotiating team, said the Americans had sought Lebanon's views on a possible redeployment of Israeli forces.

"We are not ready to accept what is called partial withdrawal and have explained all this to Habib," Wazzan said.

"What we are concerned about is total withdrawal," he said, adding that Habib was trying to reconcile the positions taken by all sides.

"The Americans were partners in

Begin and Habib meet today No deal with U.S. over IDF pullback

By DAVID LANDAU
Post Diplomatic Correspondent

Israeli officials insisted yesterday that Jerusalem has given no commitment to coordinate with Washington on a partial pullback in Lebanon.

Israel, they said, had committed itself to consult both the U.S. and Lebanon, and to try and reach a consensus. But ultimately — as Prime Minister Menachem Begin had stressed this week to U.S. Special Envoy Philip Habib and to former secretary of state Henry Kissinger — Israel would take its decisions on the basis of its direct security interests.

The officials, were reacting to a new report from Washington, which turned out to be inaccurate, purportedly quoting a State Department spokesman as saying that

Israel had pledged to coordinate partial withdrawal with Washington.

The officials went out of their way to deny the need for such coordination just as envoy Habib was returning to Jerusalem from a swing through Arab capitals. He is to meet Begin this morning and the two men will presumably again discuss the possibility of a unilateral, partial Israeli withdrawal.

Israeli officials said Habib had made it clear to Begin when they met on Monday that the U.S. understood Israel's determination to act in its own best security interests, although Washington is plainly not enthusiastic about the idea of a partial pullback.

The cabinet is expected to take up the issue at its weekly session on

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Boost for Arafat as most PLO heads convene

By DAVID BERNSTEIN
Post Middle East Affairs Reporter and agencies

PLO chairman Yasser Arafat scored a political victory yesterday when 12 out of 14 members of the PLO's executive committee arrived in Tunis to attend a crucial meeting of the committee.

In Lebanon, Arafat's opponents and supporters called a cease-fire in the Bekaa yesterday and formed a seven-man committee to oversee the standdown, a joint communique announced.

Representatives of the PLO's eight major factions announced the truce agreement in a meeting they held in the Bekaa city of Baalbek. Loudspeaker vans toured all embattled Bekaa regions, blaring the stop-shooting orders, the communique said.

The all-Bekaa cease-fire accord followed an agreement to neutralize the Wavell Palestinian refugee camp near Baalbek, which houses 10,000 Palestinian refugees, the largest civilian Palestinian concentration in eastern Lebanon.

Bekaa-based reporters said in telephoned dispatches.

According to PLO sources in Tunis earlier this week, the meeting was called to demonstrate that Arafat is still in effective command of the organization, despite the reverses he has suffered in Lebanon's eastern Bekaa Valley at the hands of dissidents in his mainstream Fatah group.

A PLO source in Tunis yesterday confirmed that 12 members of the council had arrived. He said that the meeting would attempt to end

the split in Fatah and would also discuss the crisis in Syrian-Palestinian relations following Arafat's expulsion from Syria last Friday.

The two absentees were the representatives of Ahmed Jibril, leader of the Libyan-backed Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command, and the leader of the Syrian-controlled Saika organization. Both groups have strongly supported the Fatah dissidents, politically and

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A pro-Arafat man poses in Lebanon yesterday. (UPI)

PLO rebels poised to hit last loyalists in Bekaa

By JOSHUA BRILLIANT
Post Defence Reporter

The Fatah units rebelling against PLO leader Yasser Arafat appear to have the upper hand in the Bekaa Valley and are poised to push against the last loyalist enclaves there. However, they have not tackled Arafat's main force, which is in the Tripoli area.

The outcome of this struggle, which has already taken about 60

lives, may determine the prospects for a peaceful settlement on the Israeli-Palestinian dispute. Arafat is supported by members of Fatah's political branch who favour a political settlement. If the Syrian-backed rebels win, there is no chance of the PLO's defying Damascus's objections to joining American-Jordanian peace moves.

Yesterday, the rebels were estimated to number 800 to 1,000

men. They included two battalions in Fatah's Yarmuk brigade, the September Martyrs and the Training Command. These forces are supported by Ahmed Jibril's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine-General Command with several tanks and cannons, several dozen Saika infantrymen, and a few Libyan soldiers. With Syrian backing, the rebels close off areas, seize

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West Bank poll shows 90% of population support Arafat

By DAVID RICHARDSON
Jerusalem Post Reporter

More than 90 per cent of Palestinians in the West Bank and Gaza support PLO chairman Yasser Arafat as leader of the Palestinian national movement. This was the finding of an opinion poll conducted earlier this week as fighting in Arafat's Fatah movement continued in Lebanon.

A majority also continues to support a Jordanian-Palestinian and an Egyptian-Palestinian dialogue, although there has been a decline in support for these positions since a poll last February.

The latest poll was conducted among 777 respondents in the West Bank and Gaza and its results are to be published in tomorrow's edition of the East Jerusalem Arabic

political weekly, *al-Bayader a-Sassi*.

The poll, conducted between June 22 and June 28, presented seven questions.

In reply to "Do you support the continuation of Yasser Arafat as leader of the Palestinian march?" (sic) 92.1 per cent said yes, 5.4 per cent said no, and 2.4 per cent had no opinion. In the February poll, taken on the eve of the Palestine

National Convention meeting in Algiers, 89.8 per cent said they were satisfied with Arafat's leadership.

"Do you support the continuation of the Jordanian-Palestinian dialogue?" — 71.9 per cent answered in the affirmative, and 23.5 per cent answered in the negative. In the February poll, taken before the breakdown in the

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Demand in Galilee for Lebanon pullout

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

KIRYAT SHMONA. — Demonstrators from kibbutzim and other settlements in the Galilee Panhandle and Upper Galilee marched along the Ginosar-Rosh Pina-Kiryat Shmona road yesterday calling on the government to get out of Lebanon immediately.

It was the first time that Panhandle residents have demonstrated near their homes against the war in Lebanon.

The several dozen demonstrators waved banners with slogans such as: "Lebanon is not Eretz Yisrael. Don't settle down there." "Upper

Galilee demands withdrawal from Lebanon." "Peace for Galilee for those who live there, not for Jemayel." "We asked for quiet in Kiryat Shmona and got a war in the Shouf mountains."

Some drivers stopped their cars and argued with the demonstrators. Others wished them well. Near Rosh Pina, the police intervened to prevent a fight between the demonstrators and soldiers. Near Kiryat Shmona, residents argued with the demonstrators, who gave drivers handbills saying, "Upper Galilee is worried that war may break out with the Syrians." (See photograph — page 3)

Soviet refusednik sent to labour camp

MOSCOW (AP). — Jewish activist Yuri Tarnopolsky was sentenced to a maximum three years in a labour camp yesterday. He was accused of slandering the Soviet Union. The 46-year-old scientist had been refused permission to leave for Israel with his wife and 12-year-old daughter.

After being sentenced in Kharkov, Tarnopolsky was permitted final words before being taken to the camp. His wife quoted him as saying: "Everything I wanted to say about the situation of refusedniks I have said before my arrest. My arrest only confirmed that everything I said was the truth."

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Nazareth	47	—	32
Alula	55	19-32	33
Shomron	49	19-33	33
Tel Aviv	70	19-28	29
B-G Airport	61	18-31	32
Jericho	33	19-39	39
Gaza	77	19-28	29
Beersheva	39	13-36	37
Eilat	8	23-42	42

SOCIAL & PERSONAL

The Canadian Ambassador and Mrs. Vernon G. Turner yesterday held a garden party at their Ramat Hasharon residence to celebrate the National Day of Canada. Among the guests were Knesset Speaker Menahem Savidor, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor, Deputy Finance Minister Haim Kaufman and Foreign Ministry director-general David Kimche.

The Dr. Julien Rozan Chair in Family Medicine was dedicated yesterday at the Hebrew University of Jerusalem, in a ceremony presided over by University President Don Patinkin, and in the presence of Mrs. Stella Rozan and members of the Rozan family, and the Chief Rabbi of France, René Sirat. Prof. Yair Yodfat delivered the inaugural lecture.

An electronic teaching aid dedicated to the memory of the late Captain Tommy Siner, a veteran Israeli seaman, was inaugurated at the Acre Seaman's Training Institute this week.

Ken Ashton, president of the International Federation of Journalists and secretary-general of the National Union of Journalists in the UK, was the guest of the Tel Aviv Association of Journalists at a reception held at Beit Sokolow yesterday.

In Memoriam

A ceremony to mark the 79th anniversary of the death of Theodor Herzl was held at his graveside on Mount Herzl, Jerusalem, yesterday. Among those attending were President Chaim Herzog and Prime Minister Menachem Begin.

DEPARTURES

Dr. and Mrs. Henry Klasinger, for Dublin.

CORRECTION

In today's magazine, on page P, there is an error in the advertisement headed

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HOME NEWS

Ultra-Orthodox trying to sink Ramot's pool

By MICHAEL EILAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

A stack of 39 printed postcards may have signalled the start of the latest major clash between ultra-Orthodox and other Jews in Jerusalem.

The postcards were sent to the municipality and all deal with a swimming pool due to be built in the Ramot neighbourhood. The cards were followed by phone calls from ultra-Orthodox Jews, who said building the pool would threaten their "moral lives." Others complained that a pool would cause divorces among their community.

The covered pool would be open on one side in the summer, facing a purely secular part of the neighbourhood. Municipality spokesman Rafi Davara said yesterday one would need binoculars to distinguish any figures from the top of the Orthodox Ramot Polin quarter 850 metres away on a nearby hill. In any case, he said, the side facing Ramot Polin is to be closed off with a wall.

A special swimming pool committee comprising non-Orthodox people has distributed forms asking residents of the neighbourhood their views about the pool. So far,

more than 900 residents of the neighbourhood have sent the forms to Mayor Teddy Kollek saying they want the pool.

Yosef Yedid of the Ramot neighbourhood committee takes the ultra-Orthodox campaign against the pool seriously. Yedid, who was one of the leaders of the group of Ramot residents who fought to keep the road to their neighbourhood open on Saturdays, says the issue of the pool will determine the character of the large suburb.

"If the Haredim (ultra-Orthodox) can't stop the pool, they won't be able to persuade other Haredim to move here. If we can't keep them from stopping the pool, we won't be able to build a football field and many other things we need to complete the services and amenities necessary for an outlying neighbourhood," Yedid said yesterday.

The pool is to be built with contributions from the Jerusalem Foundation, near a library and community centre. Both Davara of the municipality, and Yedid, who runs the community centre, are willing to allow separate male and female bathing in the pool on certain days of the week. But this does not seem to have defused the issue.

Bension's lawyer wins right to label files 'confidential'

Jerusalem Post Reporter

The lawyer of convicted embezzler Yehoshua Bension has until July 5 to check through seven cardboard cartons with thousands of documents police seized in his office, in order to mark those he believes fall under the rules of the confidentiality of the lawyer-client relationship, the High Court of Justice ruled yesterday.

The police seized the documents as part of their investigation into suspicions that Bension, former managing director of the Israeli-British Bank, his attorney, Elyahu Miron, and attorney Pinhas Mendelowitz established companies in Vaduz, Liechtenstein, thereby enabling Bension to conceal funds and to avoid paying the IL25 million fine imposed on him by the court.

A petition submitted to the High Court by Miron, three Vaduz companies and an Israeli company said that the Tel Aviv Magistrates Court erred when it had permitted the police to examine the files. The petitioners asked the High Court to forbid such examination until

Miron marked those he considers confidential.

In its decision yesterday, the High Court said that after Miron marks these documents, it will decide whether they are in fact confidential.

Bension was convicted in 1975 of embezzling \$47 million from the Israeli-British Bank. He served two years and some months of a 12-year jail sentence and then, on the recommendation of then acting Justice Minister Menachem Begin, President Ephraim Katzir reduced the sentence.

The IL25m. fine was not cancelled. Bension, claiming bankruptcy, did not pay it.

Miron gave a press conference in Tel Aviv yesterday in which he argued that by allowing the police to see the contested documents, the traditional lawyer-client confidence would be undermined, and that foreign investors might withdraw from Israel monies they had deposited here in breach of the law in their home countries.

HABIB WANTS

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Informed U.S. officials said Reagan and Shultz had indeed authorized Habib to "consult" Israel about a possible Israeli withdrawal from all of Lebanon, including the setting of a specific date by which Israel would do so. But the officials denied that the U.S. would "press" Israel on this matter.

"Apparently, Secretary Shultz, despairing of the chances for obtaining a Syrian agreement to withdraw, seized upon the alternative of unilateral Israeli withdrawal as a means of making some headway," the newsletter said. "In meetings at the State

Department last week, Shultz plotted the new course for U.S. policy. It was then adopted by the president at a National Security Council meeting."

The survey added that Habib raised the issue with Israeli officials earlier this week. The Israeli response was "predictably" negative, it said.

Israeli officials were clearly upset that the apparently changed U.S. tactic had surfaced publicly. They expressed concern that it would merely embolden the Syrians to stay put in Lebanon, assuming that the U.S. would press Israel to leave unilaterally.

PULLBACK

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Sunday, Aides to the prime minister said yesterday he had not told the Knesset Foreign Affairs and Defence Committee on Monday that he would call a cabinet session on the partial withdrawal this week. He had said "in the next few days, possibly this week."

The aides could not yet say if Begin himself would open a discussion on the withdrawal, presenting the various options submitted by Israel Defence Forces planners for

an alternative, more southerly, line of deployment. Political pundits say that if Begin does not broach the subject, there are other ministers who are determined to do so.

It seems clear that no final decision will be taken at this meeting. Defence Minister Moshe Arens is known to favour a cautious, unhurried approach. The likeliest scenario is that there will be no movement on the ground until after Begin's visit to Washington at the end of July.

HABIB TOLD

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negotiations to achieve a specific aim, namely total withdrawal. Accordingly, we insist the American position be as such," Wazzan said.

Asked about filling the gap that would be left by an Israeli withdrawal, Wazzan replied: "We are ready to fill any gap in all parts of Lebanon."

Official sources said Wazzan told Habib he would not discuss a partial

withdrawal, since such a move would be misunderstood by the Lebanese people and would create public fear.

The sources said the Lebanese government was anxious that its views should be conveyed to U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz. They understood Habib was likely to meet Shultz, who is currently on an Asian tour, at the weekend or early next week.

Habib later flew to Israel on the next leg of his mission to push for the withdrawal of Israeli, Syrian and PLO forces from Lebanon, officials said.



Deputy Prime Minister and Housing and Construction Minister David Levy accepts a gift of homemade candy from a resident of Tel Aviv's Hatikva quarter yesterday. Levy toured development projects in the neighbourhood, which this year is to receive another IS300 million from Project Renewal. (Israel Sun)

Bank robbery attempt foiled

By MICHAEL YUDELMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An attempted bank robbery in Herzliya was foiled yesterday by the swift action of the bank manager and the Herzliya police.

Amiram Nof, manager of the First International Bank branch at the intersection of Ben-Gurion and Neve Amirim, received an anonymous telephone call ordering him to prepare \$100,000. The caller told Nof to take the money out to his car, where further instructions would be waiting. Failure to comply, the caller threatened, would lead to the detonation of a bomb in the bank.

Nof hurriedly prepared the

money, while telling his deputy to call the police. In his car, he found a note ordering him to drive to Derech Herzliya 169 and stop at a telephone booth there for further instructions. In the telephone booth, he found another note, sending him to another destination where another note awaited him. Three notes later, he reached Beit Hahohem in Afeka, where he was joined by the Herzliya Police's chief detective.

At Beit Hahohem, Nof was instructed by note to place the money in another telephone booth and return to the bank for additional instructions. The police set up a watch around the booth, but no one came for the money.

Dentist may face charges in girl's death

The Jerusalem district attorney's office is considering whether to prosecute a senior Jerusalem dentist for manslaughter in connection with the asphyxiation death of a five-year-old girl patient last March.

Both a police autopsy and an internal investigation by the Health Ministry have concluded that Aya Zimmerman choked to death on her tongue, while still under the influence of an overdose of

anesthetics administered by the dentist in order to extract a tooth.

The ministry report found that the dentist gave the girl too much anesthetic for her weight and then released her from his care prematurely, while she was unconscious. The girl's father, Gideon Zimmerman, is waiting to see if the state will prosecute before deciding whether to file civil charges against the dentist. (Itim)

Suspect in Ben-Yehuda tomb desecration freed

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Rabbi Moshe Hirsch, the Natorei Karta spokesman, was released yesterday after spending over 24 hours in a Jerusalem police lock-up on suspicion of complicity in the desecration of Eliezer Ben-Yehuda's tomb on the Mount of Olives.

Vandals smashed the stonework on Ben-Yehuda's grave on Tuesday

and painted it with graffiti protesting the archaeological excavations in the City of David. (See story page 3)

Hirsch said yesterday he thought he had been arrested because he had heard gossip about the desecration in his Mea She'arim neighbourhood and had talked about it with a reporter before the police had released news of the desecration for publication.

6 months jail for Australian heroin smuggler

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — An Australian volunteer at a kibbutz who intends to settle in Israel was yesterday given a six month prison term, two and a half years suspended, and a IS50,000 fine for smuggling heroin into the country.

Fred Vanheeren came to Kibbutz Dafna from Australia two years ago as a volunteer, fell in love with a Nahal soldier and decided to stay in Israel, convert to Judaism and join

the army, his attorney, David Yiftah, told the district court yesterday.

A few weeks ago Vanheeren returned from a vacation in Australia via India, bringing with him 70 grams of heroin, according to the charge sheet. Yiftah told the court that he used 30 grams of the heroin and gave the rest to a friend to sell. Three weeks ago the friend was arrested and his admission led the police to Vanheeren.

TA murder suspect jailed pending trial

TEL AVIV (Itim). — Rami Alhaji, 20, from Holon, one of the accused in the murder of a soldier in the Carmel market here, was yesterday ordered detained until completion of his trial.

Alhaji is accused, together with Haim Bernanski, 27, of Bat Yam, of murdering Ya'acov Mashiah after a long argument among stall

holders in the market on the morning of May 9.

Bernanski was ordered to be released on bail, but the judge delayed his release to give police time to appeal against the bail.

Avraham Romi and his son Binyamin, both accused of conspiring to murder Mashiah, were recently released on bail.

ARAFAT BOOST

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militarily, and the former has openly called for Arafat's ouster.

Significantly, the leaders of the two main PLO groupings after Fatah, George Habash of the Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatme of the Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, were both present.

Both Habash and Hawatme have come out strongly in favour of preserving the PLO's unity under the continued leadership of Arafat, particularly following the denouncing rebuff he received from Syria last week. Their presence at the Tunis meeting, and its implied endorsement of Arafat's continued leadership, would now make a major split in the organization extremely unlikely, unless Arafat continues in his refusal to acknowledge that the balance of power in the PLO has shifted towards those demanding a more militant line against Israel.

In Lebanon, the rebels were said to be ensconced in several former loyalist positions in the Bekaa. They had driven the loyalists north of the main Beirut-Damascus highway in the direction of Baalbek.

In Damascus, the official organ of the ruling Ba'ath Party, *al-Ba'ath*, made it clear that while Damascus was not out to shackle the PLO, it "rejects the logic of the independence of the Palestinian decision when this decision concerns the Arab-Israeli dispute."

"The decision in this respect is Pan-Arab," the paper noted.

Arab bus burnt near Hebron after Egged bus is stoned

Jerusalem Post Reporter

A bus owned by an Arab company was set on fire on Wednesday night in the village of Al Arub near Hebron several hours after an Egged bus carrying Jewish settlers was stoned on the main road nearby. Two Israeli women were injured slightly when the windows of the Egged bus were shattered. The Arab bus was destroyed, but no one was hurt.

Police at first concluded that there was no connection between the two incidents and said that initial indications were that the arson was criminally motivated.

However, following a radio report yesterday in which Jewish settlers were said to have claimed responsibility for the arson in retribution for the earlier stoning,

the police have expanded their investigation.

Next week a ministerial committee headed by Defence Minister Moshe Arens is to consider ways of implementing the recommendations of a Justice Ministry report and subsequent police and Israel Defence Forces working papers on how to deal with lawbreaking and vigilantism by Jewish settlers in Judea and Samaria.

The Justice Ministry report, dubbed the "Karp Report" after its author, Deputy State Attorney Yehudit Karp, found that there was insufficient co-ordination between the police, the IDF and the Shin Bet when it came to dealing with complaints from Arabs about offences by the settlers. There was also an acute shortage of resources and manpower, the report found.

Iraqi foreign minister to visit Cairo

CAIRO (AP). — Iraq's Foreign Minister Tarek Aziz is scheduled to visit Cairo on Sunday for talks with his Egyptian counterpart Kamal Hassan Ali, the Foreign Ministry announced yesterday.

The visit will be the latest milestone in Egypt's uphill effort to improve relations with the 17 Arab states that severed diplomatic ties in 1979 to protest against Egypt's signing a peace treaty with Israel. The Arab League summit that voted to ostracize Egypt was held in the Iraqi capital, Baghdad.

The Foreign Ministry statement said the talks would cover bilateral

relations and the international and Middle East situation. It said Aziz would stay in Cairo one night and might meet President Hosni Mubarak.

Foreign Ministry spokesman Raouf Ghoneim declined to comment on whether the visit could lead to a restoration of full ties between the two countries.

Egypt has been a key arms supplier to Iraq in its war against Iran. There have been low profile visits by Iraqi ministers to Cairo before, and last year Aziz met with top-ranking Egyptian officials in Europe.

Arens to meet ex-chiefs of staff today

Post Defence Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Former chiefs of staff are today to meet Defence Minister Moshe Arens and the incumbent Chief of Staff, Rav-Aluf Moshe Levy.

An aide to Arens said he expected a courtesy meeting in which the minister will report developments and seek his guests' advice, but this does not signify the formation of a U.S.-style national security council.

Former chief of staff Mordechai Gur, now a Labour Party Knesset

Member, told *The Jerusalem Post* he had suggested to Arens that he invite the group. He said he had told the minister a "forum of chiefs of staff" had existed for several years and its members had been taken on tours of Israel Defence Forces deployments.

Since the present cabinet lacks members with sufficient military experience whom Arens could consult, Gur said, he had recommended convening this forum to discuss military matters in a non-political atmosphere.

Lebanese man hurt by IDF patrol fire

By MENAHEM HOROWITZ
Jerusalem Post Reporter

METULLA. — A Lebanese man was wounded yesterday when an Israeli Defence Forces patrol opened fire on a site nine kilometres north of Tyre where terrorists had detonated an explosive device intended to kill Israeli soldiers. The terrorists lay in ambush for an Israeli patrol, and when the troops approached the device it was

detonated by remote control.

No soldiers were hurt. Yesterday's incident follows several days of quiet along the coastal road. Military sources in Lebanon said the IDF will respond in force if the terrorists try again to "stack soldiers in eastern Lebanon." There have been several incidents in the last week in which the IDF replied with artillery fire to Katyusha attacks.

Elderly man burns flat in quarrel with wife

TEL AVIV. — A Jaffa resident who became "sick and tired" of his apartment has allegedly admitted setting it on fire yesterday afternoon. Two neighbours were taken to Ichilov Hospital and treated for smoke inhalation, police said yesterday.

At about 1:30 p.m. yesterday, a fire sent thick clouds of smoke pouring from an apartment in Sderot Yerushalayim where an elderly couple live. The firefighters who extinguished the blaze found that the entire contents of the flat had been destroyed.

In a preliminary examination, the firefighters ruled out arson as a cause, concluding that the fire was probably started by an accident.

But the 73-year-old owner of the flat allegedly told the police that he and his wife were in the midst of a prolonged quarrel and he was sick and tired of the place, so he decided to burn it. He reportedly said he poured flammable paint over everything and set it on fire. The man, whose wife was not in the apartment at the time of the fire, was held for questioning.

Residents try to prevent drug arrest

Jerusalem Post Reporter

Two plainclothes policemen were forced to fire in the air and call in reinforcements to push back a crowd of Musarim residents who were trying to prevent the arrest of four drug suspects. The four were being held last night in the Russian Compound for interrogation for drug dealing, and they may also be charged with resisting arrest.

Ramat Hovav waste site to reopen by January

Jerusalem Post Reporter

BEERSHEVA. — A public tender is to be issued next month for a subcontractor to clean and reopen the country's national toxic-waste disposal centre at Ramat Hovav, 12 kilometres south of here.

Danny Ne'eman, chief engineer of Mivnei Ta'asia, the Industry and Trade Ministry company charged with reopening the site, said yesterday it would be "put in order and cleaned up, except for the oil sludge pools," by January 1984.

The neglect of the Ramat Hovav dump was discussed in a recent series of articles in *The Jerusalem Post*.

AMAL. — The Amal vocational school system will comprise 64 schools with 27,000 pupils in the next school year. The chain's budget for the year just ended was IS700 million.

WHEELS OF JUSTICE. — More than 140 drivers were tried and sentenced for traffic offences by the Ashkelon Traffic Court yesterday.

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Gov't okays \$50m. oil search

By CHARLES HOFFMAN
Jerusalem Post Reporter

The government approved a \$50 million drilling and survey project to be carried out by Sismica Oil Exploration in the Dead Sea and Jordan Rift areas. It is Israel's biggest ever oil exploration package. The Energy Ministry estimates the potential of the drilling region to be "several hundred million" barrels of oil. More than 16m. barrels have been produced in the Heletz field near Ashkelon since the late 1950s.

The directorate of the government company Israel National Oil Company (Hanol) yesterday voted to transfer its exploration rights in the target area to Sismica, following a recommendation by the Energy Ministry. The government agreed to yield its rights in return for a Sismica commitment to carry out extensive seismic surveys and to drill four or five deep wells, including Sdom-3, a 6.5-kilometre well to cost between \$15m. and \$18m.

If Sismica fails to raise the funds for the work or to carry out most of it within three years, exploration rights will revert to the government for possible allocation to other investors.

The 1.4-million-dunam area included in the Sismica permit is the largest tract in Israel ever targeted for systematic exploration by one firm. The Energy Ministry official supervising oil exploration, Dr. Moshe Goldberg, said that the special geological characteristics of the Syria-African Rift Valley have created favourable conditions for trapping oil in underground formations and preventing its escape. But expert opinion is sharply divided, he

said, on whether oil has actually formed there. Sismica's director, Yosef Langotzky, and the company's expert consultants believe that there is a banyan underground. The government has approved their plan because it doesn't have the resources to carry out the project, "which is ambitious even by international standards," Goldberg said.

Sismica recently raised \$6m. on the Tel Aviv Stock Exchange. It is trying to raise the rest by selling shares abroad. Major Sismica shareholders include Adam Pollack of Peru and Avraham Shavit, former president of the Israel Manufacturers Association.

Langotzky, former head of Oil Exploration Investment (Hanol) was squeezed out last year after a series of personal and policy clashes.

Archeologists worried about permit for dig

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

Archeological circles expressed concern yesterday at the Education and Culture Ministry's failure to issue a permit for excavations in the City of David's controversial Area G.

Minister Ze'evulun Hammer had asked for a two week delay in issuing the permit so as to win a broader agreement from Orthodox circles for the dig.

Dr. Yigal Shilo, director of the City of David dig, who had expected the permit to be issued yesterday, said it had apparently hit a snag at the last moment.

Archeological circles in Jerusalem expressed fear that there may have been a failure of nerve in view of opposition of certain Orthodox circles that are threatening to resume violent demonstrations against the dig. They contend that Area G is the site of a medieval Jewish cemetery, which the archeologists deny.

Excavations in other areas of the City of David got underway last week. Shilo said yesterday that there is no deadline to the Area G dig and that the delay of the permit will not block the dig.

There have been suggestions that Hebrew University, one of the sponsors of the excavations, will petition the High Court of Justice if Hammer refuses to issue the permit.

In the Mea She'arim quarter, wall posters have appeared calling for 1,000 volunteers willing to submit themselves to arrest in order to "save the graves of our ancestors." The committee preparing demonstrations at the site, has been collecting names in private homes in the ultra-Orthodox quarter.

'Master Builders' academy is planned

By JUDY SIEGEL
Jerusalem Post Reporter

An academy of building is being planned by Jerusalem contractors to teach young Jews, especially demobilized soldiers, sophisticated construction techniques that will enable them to work in the industry.

The Jerusalem Association of Contractors and Builders, headed by Mordechai Yona, has obtained a 4,500-square-metre plot between Givat Shaul and Har Nof in western Jerusalem, after receiving recommendations from Labour and Social Affairs Minister Aharon Uzana. Yona says the association intends to build the academy with contributions from its members and without financial help from the government.

The academy, says Yona, will grant demobilized soldiers degrees in those who complete a three-year course of study. Graduates of the academy are expected to decrease Jerusalem's dependence on Arab construction workers and to introduce advanced building techniques not yet being used in the country.

According to Yona, who heads the Heftziba construction company

in the capital, it is hoped that the academy will open in about two years. It will not charge tuition fees.

Yona is negotiating with the Israel Defence Forces to permit soldiers to study at the academy in their free time during the six months before they are demobilized, so they can get a head start. The student body will number 100 at first, according to Yona, who initiated the idea.

The college level of the institution should lend prestige to a field that has in the past been regarded as "beneath the dignity" of young Jews in need of work, says Yona. The German Federal Republic has such an academy of building.

The contractors' association will issue an international tender inviting architects to submit designs for the campus. It is expected to include a technology library, a research and development equipment, an exhibition hall and an archive of the history of building in Jerusalem and the rest of the country. The association also plans to move its headquarters from an office in Rehov Hahavazelet to the new complex, which will serve as a meeting place for Jerusalem contractors and builders.

Haifa gas early-warning system to start work

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — An early-warning system to control excess emission of concentrated sulphur dioxide gases from the Oil Refineries and the Electric Corporation's (IEC) Haifa Bay power station will start working next week, *The Jerusalem Post* learned yesterday.

When the meteorological forecast predicts unfavourable conditions for the dispersion of the gases, the system will automatically switch the two factories to low sulphur fuel.

IEC managing director Yitzhak Hoff told *The Post* the corporation spends millions of shekels a year on environmental-control equipment at its Haifa power station. This included monitoring equipment, the use of a magnesium-based additive to neutralize the acidity of the particles emitted, and the installation of new equipment to enable the generators to burn low-sulphur fuel.

The IEC is testing new kinds of high-temperature burners, which are intended to further improve the quality of the emissions.

Haifa stage hit to feature at international festival

Jerusalem Post Reporter

HAIFA. — The Haifa Municipal Theatre will perform its Arabic hit, *The Island*, at the Amsterdam International Stage Door Interculture Theatre Festival in September, the theatre announced yesterday.

Written by South African Athol Fugard, the play concerns two political prisoners held in a maximum-security prison in South Africa.

The theatre's actors, Makram Khoury (who plays Michel Ezra Saifra in the Israel Television series on Aleppo Jewry) and Yussuf Abu Varda will perform the play at the festival.

Troupes will also come from Turkey, Belgium, Chile, England, Tunis and Holland.



Representatives of a group of 36 reserve soldiers, who recently lost two comrades when an explosives-packed automobile blew up near one of their positions in Lebanon, sit outside Prime Minister Menachem Begin's official residence in Jerusalem after the group petitioned him to "take the brave step" of withdrawal from Lebanon. A dozen of the reservists demonstrated outside the residence for three hours yesterday morning and then presented a letter signed by all 36 to one of Begin's aides.

JERUSALEM POST POLL

Public thinks TV is leftist, army radio 'most objective'

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

The public believes Israel Television to be the most politically biased section of the media, a *Jerusalem Post* poll shows. Nearly one third of the 1,195 people questioned between June 2 and 10 think television reports have a leftward bias.

The poll, conducted by the Mod'lin Ezrahi Research Institute under the direction of Dr. Sarah Shemer, asked the interviewees whether they considered Israel TV, Kol Yisrael radio, Galei Zahal (the Israel Defence Forces radio station) to be objective, leftist, or rightist.

Of those interviewed, 30.5 per cent felt TV coverage was leftist; 39.2 per cent thought it was objective, and 7.5 per cent believed it was rightist. Another 20.8 per cent did not know and 2.1 per cent did not reply.

No other section of the media was thought to be so biased.

Next came Kol Yisrael, with 15.6 per cent perceiving it as leftist, nearly half — 47.6 per cent — seeing it as objective, 4.1 per cent as rightist and 30.1 per cent saying they did not know, and 2.6 per cent not replying.

The best marks for news coverage were awarded to Galei Zahal, which was not seen as biased in either direction. Only 4.8 per cent ascribed leftist leanings to it and 5.6 per cent rightist. Nearly two thirds — 63.2 per cent — found it impartial, with 24.3 per cent not knowing and 2.1 per cent giving no reply.

On another question, 57.7 per cent of those polled felt Knesset members should be forbidden to engage in any outside work. Another 20.5 per cent said only work enabling MKs to exploit their positions should be ruled out. But 7.8 per cent thought no limitations ought to be imposed. Other opinions were voiced by 5.4 per cent and 8.6 per cent failed to answer.

Danot won't sell First International Bank

TEL AVIV. — Danot Investments announced yesterday it will not sell its control in the First International Bank of Israel. This statement followed the announcement of a planned deal under which the Discount Bank would acquire 26 per cent of First International's equity and 11 per cent of its holdings.

Danot, which controls the First International holdings company, FIBI (the parent company of the

First International Bank), said the deal contains an undertaking that FIBI will retain control of the bank for the next few years.

FIBI also undertook to sell its shares in Discount gradually, over five periods, so as not to cause any fluctuation in their prices. The proceeds of the share sales, it was announced, will be used to promote the development of productive industries.

Peres: Let Aridor show how bad his policy is

Jerusalem Post Staff

TEL AVIV. — The government's economic and social policy must be changed from the bottom up. In order that this should happen, Finance Minister Yoram Aridor must remain in office so that the people may see how distorted his policies are, Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres told the party's central committee yesterday.

Earlier in the day, Peres told a meeting of Alignment activists that the municipal elections in October should be fought on economic and social issues, not foreign policy which he termed irrelevant to local problems.

Peres proposed fighting inflation by cutting the government's budget by about IS100 million. This can be

done, he said, by reducing spending in Judea/Samaria and the Gaza District, bringing the Israel Defence Forces home from Lebanon, ending subsidies on imports, introducing summer time and operating El Al seven days a week.

He also called on the government to stop "wasting" U.S. aid and donations from American Jews.

"The Alignment is on the way up," he said. "We can expect this trend to gather steam by October."

In the discussion that followed, Knesset Member Gad Yacobi said that if the Alignment's policy is adopted, inflation will be cut in half within three years, the budget deficit reduced and economic growth renewed.

Tongues wag over Weizman, Peres talk

By SARAH HONIG
Post Political Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Ezer Weizman raised a flurry of speculation by meeting yesterday with Labour Party chairman Shimon Peres.

But Labour circles were quick to say that it was a routine meeting, one of many the two have held approximately every month.

Weizman has been the subject of increased political speculation for the past three weeks, since it was learned that he had met Deputy Prime Minister Simcha Ehrlich just before the latter died.

Neither Peres nor Weizman would supply any details of their talk at the Dan Hotel. But it is understood that they talked in general

about the situation in the region. Weizman, it was said by Labour sources, likes to keep up with latest developments. He has therefore been meeting as many informed politicians as possible.

His latest round has included Defence Minister Moshe Arens and Prime Minister Menachem Begin's press aide Uri Porat.

The Likud-linked weekly *Yoman Hashavua* yesterday printed a survey among Liberal Knesset members that indicates that 11 out of the 17 Liberals in the Knesset do not wish Weizman to return to the Likud leadership via their party.

A similar poll several weeks ago among Herut MKs indicated that 90 per cent opposed his return to their party as well.

Treasury chief asks Labour to join gov't and cut budget

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — The only way to make the cuts in the national budget proposed by the Alignment is for the Alignment to join a national unity government, Finance Ministry Director-General Ezra Sadan said yesterday.

He was speaking during a panel discussion at the annual meeting of the Israel-America Chamber of Commerce.

Sadan was answering Labour Knesset Member Adiel Amora who had said he could easily cut IS100 billion from the budget. Among the cuttable items he listed were the IS25b. earmarked for the exchange rate insurance scheme for aid to exporters; the IS18b. which could be saved by pulling the Israel Defence Forces out of Lebanon; IS5b. by stopping the settlement programme in the West Bank; IS6b. by cutting the subsidy to the Israel Electric Corporation; and IS10b. by introducing summer time, and an unspecified number of billions by allowing El Al to fly on Saturdays.

Sadan said that these cuts were not possible "due to the political and religious constellation" running

the government. Only if that constellation changed — that is, a Likud-Alignment coalition could make such changes.

Amorai did not reply. Sadan said that cuts are possible only in three areas — education, health and social welfare — as painful as they are.

"But no ministry is willing to cut its own budget, only someone else's budget, and the fight will be difficult," he said.

David Cohen, head of I.D.B. (Israel), was elected Chamber president, succeeding Dr. Asher Halperin, head of the Association of Banks, who has wound up a four-year term of office. American Ambassador Samuel Lewis, who was to be the guest of honour, sent his apologies since he had to accompany special envoy Philip Habib who arrived yesterday morning. The embassy's greetings were delivered by Robert Flatten, deputy chief of mission.

HAIFA. — Fire destroyed the Carmel Candle factory in Tirat Carmel's industrial zone early yesterday morning.

1.2m. schoolchildren on summer vacation

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Some 921,000 kindergarten and primary school children took to the streets yesterday, as schools closed their doors for the summer vacation. They joined over 290,000 junior and senior high-school students who finished their studies 10 days ago, as

well as some 60,000 vacationing teachers.

The Interior Ministry warned parents and children to swim only at beaches authorized for bathing, which have lifeguards. There are 110 lifeguard stations along the country's beaches, with some 300 guards. They are on duty from 7 a.m. to 7 p.m.

Thousands of youngsters aged 15 and up will be looking for work this summer, but not everyone will find it. According to the Education and Culture Ministry, 50,000 students sought work last summer, but only 75 per cent found jobs.

FREE BUS. — Tourists staying at six hotels on Mt. Carmel in Haifa can now get to the beach and back to their hotels by a free bus service run jointly by the hotels. They are picked up at 9 a.m. and returned at noon.

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It should be noted, however, that the two embassies are functioning normally on a day-to-day level. Ambassador Moshe Sasson has not found that his access to senior officials is markedly curtailed. Moreover, Professor Shimon Shamir's academic outpost in Cairo is still flourishing, for the benefit of interested scholars from both countries.

And, most importantly, the military provisions of the peace treaty are being adhered to satisfactorily. Periodic violations pointed out by the Multinational Force and Observers (MFO) have not been of a worrisome nature, say informed sources here.

MFO Director-General Leamon Hunt, in his first annual report, wrote that "the success of the MFO in its first year is a result of the commitment of the governments of

Egypt and Israel to the observance of both the spirit and the letter of the peace treaty."

The one issue on which Egypt earlier showed a desire for intensive contact, the Tabat dispute, has not been touched for the past four months. At an inconclusive meeting in Ismailiya in early March, the Israeli side wished to focus on the interim regime at the disputed beach site; the Egyptians wanted to discuss procedure for resolving the final status of Tabat.

Some Israeli observers believe that Egypt has deliberately exaggerated the significance of Tabat and is keeping the dispute simmering on a back burner, as a useful pretext to account for poor relations in other areas.

On the Egyptian side, the suspicion is that Israel is deliberately dragging its feet over the "conciliation and arbitration" process prescribed in the peace treaty for the resolution of disputes.

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Glemp: Martial law may soon be lifted

ROME (Reuters). — Cardinal Jozef Glemp, Roman Catholic primate of Poland said yesterday the church hoped martial law would be lifted in Poland on July 22.

Arriving in Rome from Warsaw for talks with Pope John Paul about the pontiff's visit to Poland last week, Glemp told reporters at the airport the church would be in favour of lifting martial law on July 22.

Asked whether this was possible, Glemp said: "One thinks so, one

thinks so. I believe the church would want it but these are political questions which I have no part in."

The cardinal confirmed that the church was negotiating with the government to set up a fund to help Polish farmers.

Before leaving Warsaw for Rome, Glemp ruled out quick changes in the Polish political scene.

He told reporters at Warsaw airport: "Nothing changes in Poland quickly but in an evolutionary way."

Architects of the Roman Catholic Church plan to channel western aid to Poland's hard-pressed private farmers met yesterday to discuss the government's response.

The unscheduled meeting was called after Communist authorities sent the church a document thought to include "official views, and possibly some objections" to the scheme, sources said.

Polish leader General Wojciech Jaruzelski reportedly gave the Pope and Glemp verbal approval of the

plan during the pontiff's recent pilgrimage to his homeland.

The Communist Party lashed out on Wednesday against Poland's suspended writers' union, charging prominent literary figures with inspiring attacks against party authorities.

The attack in the party daily *Trybuna Ludu*, on the eve of an emergency meeting between union and party leaders, could signal an outright banning of the guild representing the nation's top writers.

Norwegians hunt for 'alien submarine'

OSLO (AP). — Norwegian Navy planes and ships hunted a possible alien submarine in a northern fjord yesterday after a frigate fired six anti-submarine missiles in an attempt to force it to the surface.

The Navy said the frigate Narvik fired the missiles Wednesday night

on the basis of "strong sonar contact" with the suspected intruder in north Norway's fjords.

The hunt started when three guards at an air base on Andøya Island reported they saw what could have been the periscope of a submarine off the island.

Soviet spy buoy found off U.S. coast

PROVIDENCE, Rhode Island (AP). — A buoy bearing the markings "USSR, Academy of Science," pulled in by a fisherman earlier this year, has been identified as a Soviet spying device aimed at submarines. *The Providence Journal* said yesterday.

The newspaper quoted unidentified Pentagon sources as saying the buoy, similar to one found by boy scouts in Washington State last year, was set adrift to gather information from submarines frequenting Groton, Connecticut.

Groton is where fast-attack and missile-firing Trident submarines are built and tested by the electric boat division of General Dynamics

Corp.

The latest buoy was brought ashore on March 1 after it was pulled up in the nets of a trawler fishing off Block Island.

A Pentagon source said the buoy was designed to monitor speed, sonar capabilities and identifying sound characteristics of navy subs, the newspaper said. It could probably transmit information to a nearby ship or satellite, the newspaper said, quoting an unidentified source.

The buoy was about one metre in diameter, with red and white panels, and was marked in both English and Russian with the label "USSR, Academy of Sciences."

SS official faces trial on shooting charge

BONN (UTA). — A former SS official, Wolfgang Otto, aged 71, will face trial on charges that in 1944 he took part in the shooting of Ernst Thaelmann, leader of the German Communist Party. A Cologne court ruled that there is enough evidence to bring Otto to trial despite a previous decision by the state prosecution to cease proceedings

because of lack of evidence.

The decision to press charges was taken after Thaelmann's daughter asked the court to prosecute. It was not known where or when the trial will take place.

Thaelmann was shot to death on August 18, 1944, in the Buchenwald concentration camp.

10 guerrillas killed in Lesotho assassination bid

MASERU (Reuters). — Ten guerrillas on a mission to assassinate Lesotho Prime Minister Leabua Jonathan have been killed in two battles with paramilitary police near Jonathan's home, a police statement said yesterday.

Two policemen also died in the fighting on Tuesday and yesterday at a mountain village overlooking Jonathan's residence, it said.

The police statement quoted a captured rebel as saying his group

had been recruited, trained, armed and assigned by the South African Army to assassinate Jonathan. The small mountain Kingdom of Lesotho is completely surrounded by South Africa.

The kingdom depends on South Africa economically. It recently angered the White-ruled republic by establishing diplomatic relations with China during Jonathan's tour of five Communist countries, and by admitting the first Soviet ambassador.

1,772 armed hold-ups in London last year

LONDON (AP). — Armed gangs carried out 1,772 hold-ups in London last year, stealing £12 million (almost \$1 billion), the capital's police chief said on Wednesday.

That makes about 20 per cent more hold-ups than in 1981 amid increasing use of guns by both

criminals and police in London.

In recent weeks, criminals have netted more than £22m. (\$1.5b.) in a string of major heists that have baffled Scotland Yard detectives.

Serious crimes rose by just 3 per cent last year to 19,528. There were rises of 34 per cent in 1981 and 20 per cent in 1980.

U.S. Black girls have highest fertility

NEW YORK (AP). — Black teenage females in the U.S. have a fertility rate more than twice as high as their White counterparts, a family planning magazine reported on Wednesday.

The "total fertility rate" — the number of births over the teenage years for every 1,000 Black teenage girls — was 515, the magazine said. The corresponding figure for White American teenage girls was 221.

The figure was meant to reflect the number of children that would be born to every 1,000 Black teenagers by the time they reach 20.

The rate was 237 per 1,000 among Black American girls aged 14 to 17,

the magazine said. For Whites in that age range, the figure was 71.

In other nations studied, the rate ranged from 17 births for every 1,000 Japanese girls to 352 births per 1,000 in Rumania.

Besides Blacks in the U.S., the only comparison of a subgroup within a nation was in Israel, where figures showed Arab teenagers had 376 births per 1,000 girls while Jewish girls had 132 per 1,000. For girls ages 14 to 17, the fertility rate was 82 among Arabs and 18 among Jews.

Japan again was at the other extreme, with a fertility rate of only 2 per 1,000 in the 14- to 17-year-old group.

Red Cross flies hostages from Angola

GENEVA (Reuters). — A group of Czechoslovaks held hostage in Angola by anti-government guerrillas for more than three months were flown out yesterday for Johannesburg, the Red Cross said in Geneva.

A plane was waiting there to fly them on to the Zaire capital, Kinshasa, where they were to be handed over to Czechoslovak representatives, a spokeswoman for the International Committee of the Red Cross (ICRC) told reporters.

The hostages were among 66 Czechoslovaks and 20 Portuguese captured by the United Front for the Total Independence of Angola (UNITA) in a raid on an industrial complex near the Angolan port of Mocimede in March.

South African Radio had said earlier yesterday that the Red Cross plane would bring 38 women and children, but the ICRC spokeswoman said she did not know how many hostages had been freed.

Unita said Wednesday in a statement issued in Lisbon that some of the men among the hostages would also be released for health reasons.

Hanoi denies holding remains of Americans

BANGKOK (AP). — Vietnam yesterday denied it was holding the remains of Americans missing in action and described as "slandering" accusations by U.S. Secretary of State George Shultz that Hanoi was using the remains as a bargaining chip.

Shultz alleged last Tuesday in Bangkok that the Vietnamese probably had the remains of hundreds of Americans killed in the Vietnam war.

"The Vietnamese government has

made every effort in the search for Americans and has informed the U.S. administration of the results and returned whatever remains it has found," a Voice of Vietnam broadcast said.

The Voice of Vietnam said that to date Vietnam had returned the remains of 88 Americans as well as "material evidence" on six others.

Nearly 2,500 Americans are still unaccounted for from the Vietnam war.

Murderer, rapist in double wedding

MAIDSTONE, England (AP). — A convicted murderer and a convicted rapist were the bridegrooms on Wednesday in a bizarre double wedding in this southeast English town.

Colin Chapple, 46, who is serving life for murder, and his Maidstone Prison cellmate, Allan O'Brien, 25, who is serving nine years for rape, arrived together for the ceremony handcuffed to prison officers.

Chapple's bride at the 40-minute civil wedding at Maidstone Register Office was his sister's friend, Wendy Bloomfield, 34.

O'Brien's bride was Chapple's

divorcee sister Valerie Ellingford, 33. She met O'Brien at the prison after the two women went to visit Chapple.

Reporters at the wedding quoted Chapple as saying: "Wendy understands she will have to wait. It could be 15 or 16 years, maybe more."

Chapple was jailed in 1975 for killing a 15-year-old schoolgirl lover, stabbing her 16 times in a jealous rage. He can earn remission for good conduct in prison. O'Brien, who was jailed in 1979 for raping the woman manager of a betting shop, is due for parole in two years.



American tennis ace Martina Navratilova, 18, in action yesterday at Wimbledon, as she defeated 40-year-old fellow American Billie Jean King 6-1, 6-1 in the semi-finals. (UPI telephoto)

Dying SA unionist out on one rand bail

CAPE TOWN (AP). — A judge granted bail of one rand (1540) on Wednesday to an ailing 74-year-old Black union organizer who was sentenced a day earlier to five years in prison on a terrorism charge.

Oscar Mpeha, in ill health and expected to live just a year or two, was granted the right to appeal and released from custody for the first time since his arrest during 1980 violence in Cape Town's Black townships.

Mpeha and nine other Blacks were convicted of inciting youths to

join protest in August 1980. Mpeha was acquitted but the other nine were convicted of separate murder charges for the killings of two White men during the rioting.

Cape Town Supreme Court Judge D.M. Williamson said he would have suspended Mpeha's sentence entirely if the law did not require a five-year minimum term for terrorism offences. He noted that Mpeha's life expectancy was only a couple of years and he had already been in detention throughout the trial.

Turkish workers ask to stay in Germany

BONN (Reuters). — Turkish workers, who make up the German Federal Republic's largest immigrant group, yesterday rejected a government offer of cash to help foreign workers return home.

The Federation of Turkish Workers urged Labour Minister Norbert Blum to consider that they might have to face the "lack of basic human rights and security in Turkey."

In a letter, the Federation said that "45,538 people are in the hands of Turkey's military government

and many are threatened with death."

The German plan, adopted by the cabinet last week, entitles many foreign workers who lose their jobs between October 1983 and July 1984 to up to 10,500 marks (\$2,000) each and a further 1,500 marks (\$29,000) for each child if they go home.

The incentives apply to workers from seven countries not belonging to the European Community, but are widely seen as a measure aimed at West Germany's 1.6 million Turks.

North Ireland bomb blast causes no casualties

NEWRY, Northern Ireland (AP). — A bomb exploded on a hijacked gas tanker abandoned outside the Newry police station yesterday, but there were no injuries because the driver alerted police who evacuated the area. A small fire started by the explosion was quickly put out.

Police said.

Bomb disposal experts, fearing that escaping gas could set off a huge explosion, decided against dismantling the device and police evacuated a Royal Ulster Constabulary base and scores of nearby shops, offices and homes.

Sports

Dreams' end

The dreams of a 40-year-old former star of Wimbledon and of an unseeded young woman from South Africa were brutally shattered yesterday in the two semi-final matches of the women's Wimbledon Tennis Championships. Martina Navratilova, who has just turned 18, calmly and coolly cut Billie Jean King to ribbons with her racket, much as Muhammad Ali used to cut boxing opponents to pieces in the ring in his prime. Jaeger won 6-1, 6-1, and King was lucky to get even two games; at no stage could she handle Jaeger's impeccable backhands and forehands to all parts of the court, and King's service completely deserted her under pressure.

Jaeger was born three years after King won the first of her record 20 Wimbledon titles in 1961, so it is hardly a disgrace that the younger woman outmatched the older so comprehensively. But it was a tragic day for nostalgic viewers.

Equally sad in a different way was Martina Navratilova's crushing victory, also 6-1, 6-1, over giant-killer Yvonne Vermaak. Martina was one giant who did not believe in storybook endings. Seldom missing a first service, playing winners from every part of the court, Navratilova won the first set in 16 minutes, allowing Vermaak one game and seven points. In the second set she was more liberal, letting Vermaak take 17 points in seven games.

On her recent form, Navratilova must be playing the finest tennis any woman has ever played in history. It will be very interesting to see how Jaeger tries to handle her in the final on Saturday.

Today Ivan Lendl meets John McEnroe, and Kevin Curren faces Chris Lewis, in the two semi-finals. The men's final is on Sunday.

All three days tennis will be telecast live on Jordan Television. (Try both channels: yesterday, Channel Six went on after Channel Three switched off). Israel will telecast the men's final on Sunday at 3 p.m.

Under-14s on the road

By JACK LEON
Post Sports Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Israel's under-14 tennis juniors today open their challenge in this summer's annual series of European team championships, starting with the boys' under-14 Coupe Del Sol and the corresponding Coupe Europe for girls. What will be the inaugural Coupe Europe tournament, Israel is drawn in a preliminary pool playing off near Hanover, which also includes Algeria, but the feeling here is that the Algerians may well withdraw from the event because of the presence of an Israeli team.

Israel's first opponent in the three-day preliminary is the German Federal Republic, while Algeria is due to face Yugoslavia. The winners then meet for a place in the final round of the 12-nation event, to be held in England. The Israeli team comprises Dalia Charaf, Zohar Galon, Hagit Olamyon and Sophie Rafael, with Yosef Yegorov as coach.



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ISRAEL AND THE PLO MUTINY

Once again, we are seeing automatic cooperation between the Arab rejectionist front, with its allies among PLO extremists, and the Israeli rejectionist front, which runs our government. The Syrian government and its agents in the PLO have declared war on the PLO leadership, in order to destroy the independence of the Palestinian national movement. They accuse Yasser Arafat of following a policy leading to recognition of Israel, and a peace settlement with her. One of the extremists' demands is the termination of the dialogue between the PLO and Israeli peace forces. Israeli Foreign Minister Yitzhak Shamir, and other Israeli officials, and also certain spokesmen of the Labour Opposition cannot conceal their delight. They openly voice their hope that the extremists will take over the PLO, and put an end to the moderate policies of its present leadership. In the last few years, the PLO leadership has indicated many times to Israel and the United States its readiness for a political solution. The present situation proves that these messages were genuine and sincere. Otherwise, the PLO extremists would never have rebelled as they have.

The Israeli government has ignored all the signals from the Palestinian side — some of which were conveyed through the Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace, whose members have met with Yasser Arafat and other Palestinian leaders. One of the real goals of the Lebanon war was to put an end to the moderate policies of the PLO, which may have awakened in Israeli and world opinion a belief in the possibility of an historic reconciliation. Now the Begin-Shamir government hopes that this goal has been attained — with Syrian help. Had this goal been achieved, it would have destroyed all chances for peace for many years; it would have led to more wars, and untold bloodshed and destruction.

The Israeli Council for Israeli-Palestinian Peace hopes that the PLO will retain its independence, despite the onslaught mounted against it — and that it will articulate a clear and unequivocal policy of Israeli-Palestinian coexistence, on the basis of self-determination, and the Palestinian people's right to an independent state of its own, alongside — and at peace with — Israel.

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YAA'COV MERIDOR has done it again. The economics minister has made it appear that he was on the verge of another breakthrough, this time concerning the future of the Palestinians living in South Lebanon, but was thwarted at the last minute by hostile outside forces.

The public-relations technique he applied last year to his notorious "energy machine" was put to work last week, albeit in a less dramatic way, in a report issued by his office summing up the aid operations for Lebanese and Palestinians that began a week after the start of the war.

Meridor was appointed by the cabinet on June 14, 1982, to coordinate aid efforts of Israeli and foreign agencies, both private and governmental. They were to extend emergency aid to civilians whose lives had been disrupted by the fighting and to restore civilian life to its normal course after seven years under the PLO reign of terror. These goals, according to the report, were basically achieved by mid-July.

The report was prepared by Yisrael Gravitinsky, Meridor's aide, who administered the coordination efforts.

THE GOALS that Meridor set out to attain starting about mid-July were what the report calls "the rehabilitation of the Palestinians in South Lebanon," which refers to the approximately 110,000 Palestinians living mainly in the Tyre and Sidon areas. The report concludes that Meridor was prevented from reaching this goal due to the Lebanese government's refusal to cooperate.

What was the Meridor plan for rehabilitating the Palestinians? Strangely enough, it is not spelled out clearly in the report. The plan is sketched in vague lines, but it resembles the fragmentary pieces of Meridor's grand design that appeared last year in the Israeli press.

Basically, he sought to break up the refugee camps in South Lebanon, which housed about 60,000 people, and which had become the PLO strongholds for its operations against Israel. The residents of these camps, many of whose homes had been destroyed or damaged, were to be resettled in new communities north of the 45-kilometer security zone. The camp residents were to get permanent housing and all Palestinians would be encouraged to integrate into their surroundings as "constructive citizens."

The plan is based on the reasonable premise that it is in the interests of both Israel and the

IT BEGAN with the Arab girls teasing the Jewish girls, as Dana remembers it. The Arab girls were sixth-graders from an East Jerusalem school. The West Jerusalem pupils were fourth-graders.

The encounter a few days ago was unplanned. Both classes were visiting the Nature Museum in the German Colony. They started saying "you're not pretty" and things like that," recalls Dana.

The tone must have been good natured, because nine-year-old Dana, who knows she is pretty, walked over with a friend to one of the Arab girls and asked her name. It was Zuzi. They asked each other what grades they were in, what schools they went to and how they liked their teachers. Zuzi said she liked her teacher. The Jewish girls said they didn't like theirs.

Breaking into small mixed groups, the girls moved slowly through the exhibit halls. They spoke a mixture of Hebrew, which the Arab girls spoke unevenly, and English, which both spoke unevenly. Some of the exhibits had no Arabic explanations and the Jewish girls translated the Hebrew to their new companions.

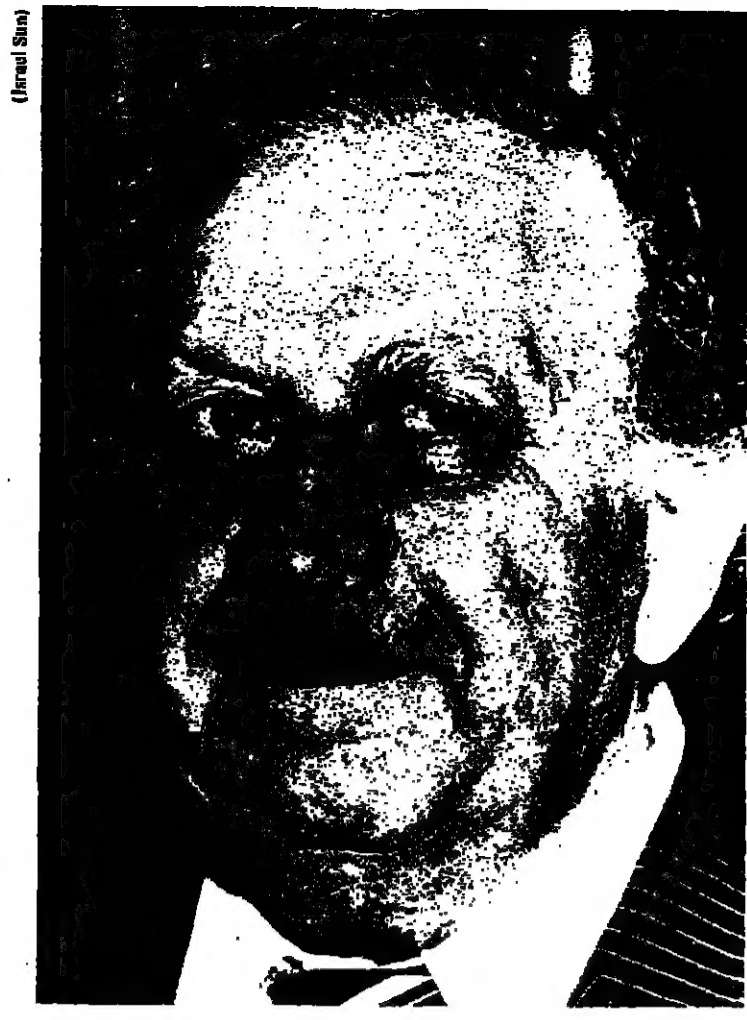
When they exited into the courtyard, they faced each other in the sunlight. The Arab girls wore uniform skirts over slacks. The Jewish girls were mostly in shorts. There was an awkward pause.

Then one of the Arab girls said: "Sing us a song."

Recalls Dana: "There was a feeling that it shouldn't just end without

Meridor's fancy footwork

The Jerusalem Post's Charles Hoffman reviews the fate of Israel's plans to aid the Palestinian refugees in Lebanon following the war.



Palestinians in South Lebanon to solve their short-term housing problems and long-term need for normalization through resettlement and rehabilitation.

Similar ideas were raised last summer by Arye Eliav, who was appointed by then defense minister Ariel Sharon to make an initial survey of the refugee situation, which was completed but never followed by concrete recommendations.

Whatever the merits of the Meridor plan, it stood little chance of success since it lacked backing by both the Lebanese and Israeli governments.

THE HOSTILITY of the Lebanese government to the plan is understandable given the context of events last summer. After trying vainly for several weeks in July to discuss the plan with an authoritative representative of the Lebanese government, Meridor was finally able to meet with Housing Minister Salim Jahel in early August.

The PLO was still holed up in West Beirut at the time, and it appeared then that no governments

would agree to take in thousands of armed fighters, even if they finally agreed to leave. It is no wonder then that the Lebanese minister turned down flat the proposal to move 60,000 more Palestinians closer to Beirut.

In fact, in a transcript of Meridor's conversation with the minister included in the report, the latter is quoted as saying that "there is nothing to discuss about rehabilitating the Palestinians in Lebanon, and once Lebanon's sovereignty is fully restored and all foreign forces leave its soil, then the government will get rid of all Palestinians on its territory."

Meridor, the report states, rejected this as "impractical" for two reasons: no state would agree to accept the expelled Palestinians, and it would harm the Lebanese economy by removing an important source of labor for manual jobs that the Lebanese do not want to perform.

Given the proximity of these events to the Lebanese presidential elections, and the fact that Lebanese-Israeli relations were still on the upswing, it would have been

the height of folly for the Israeli government to have gone ahead unilaterally to implement the rehabilitation plan. Why make it even more difficult for Bashir Jemayel to be elected, or why throw additional obstacles in his path after his election, by launching a rehabilitation programme seen as violating Lebanese interests?

To shove something like this down the Lebanese government's throat would have required the firm backing of the cabinet, not to mention the support of Sharon, who had the last word then on matters affecting relations with Lebanon. Rehabilitating the Palestinians, however, was not exactly one of Sharon's top priorities. In fact, the cabinet decided to appoint Meridor as coordinator of aid to civilians in Lebanon because Sharon had neither the time nor the interest for the job.

The cabinet gave Meridor his initial mandate to extend emergency aid to civilians and to restore civilian life to its normal course. But it never adopted Meridor's rehabilitation plan as official policy, nor was the cabinet asked to

ACCORDING to a reliable cabinet source, during the late summer and early winter months when Meridor was most active in trying to promote his rehabilitation plan and to provide a solution for winter housing for the refugees, he would report occasionally to the cabinet, but his initiatives were rarely discussed.

He was given considerable leeway by the cabinet due to his close personal relations with Prime Minister Begin, and because he was taking responsibility for an area that was of little interest to other ministers and unlikely to win acclaim and popularity among Likud voters.

Meridor was allowed to go his merry way in rousing local and international concern for the immediate needs of the homeless Palestinians as long as it didn't create political waves or cost the government too much money. As he went along, Meridor warmed to his role as promoter and humanitarian defender of the Palestinian interests in South Lebanon. For him this meant reversing his initial approach

in the early stage of relief efforts, when he decided that the government would provide emergency aid only for Lebanese civilians. The Palestinians, he said at first, would be taken care of by the UN Relief and Works Agency, as before. UNRWA operations in South Lebanon, however, were in a state of chaos then since its facilities had been damaged or destroyed and much of its staff had either fled, or had been killed or detained by the IDF. Under pressure from the American Jewish Joint Distribution Committee, however, which was footing a large part of the relief bill, Meridor relented and agreed that aid from government and voluntary agencies would also go to the Palestinians.

In this respect, Meridor's initial perception of the Palestinian civilians left behind by the retreating PLO as "enemies" was no different from the approach of many IDF officers. Only later did Meridor and officers of the IDF Aid Unit realize that Israel and the Palestinians had a number of common interests, and that a good number of the Palestinians would like to normalize their status in Lebanon if it were absolutely clear that there was no way back to Israel.

MERIDOR then plunged into his task with the zest of a promoter, which he is at heart. Over the years he has enthusiastically pushed the cause of frozen fish, energy from plants, and a plan to produce phenomenal leaps in the gross national product. In the last elections he promoted himself in a series of ads as the saviour of the economy. Last year he was promoting humanitarian aid to the Palestinians, selling it as good for Israel's security and image.

And he followed his unwritten mandate from the cabinet by not making political waves or spending too much money. The decision to let the refugees rebuild their homes by themselves, with materials provided by Israel and UNRWA, was taken in the face of Lebanese opposition only in October, after bilateral relations were on the downswing because of the massacre at Sabra and Shatila.

On another plane, Meridor continually prodded UNRWA to prepare the damaged refugee camps for winter. But he always pulled back from moving in directly to get the work done faster. Direct Israeli action might have led UNRWA to shed responsibility for running the camps, thus leaving the thankless and frustrating task in Israel's lap. No cabinet backing could be expected for such a drastic move, so it

was necessary to cooperate with UNRWA.

Needless to say, leaving the refugees dependent on UNRWA hardly served the original goals of rehabilitation.

Meridor also managed to get the refugees housed for the winter without spending any government money, even though he was authorized by the cabinet at one point to spend \$250,000 on prefabricated houses for "the 50 neediest refugee families." As word spread through the camps, the refugees came to believe that Israel would give them all free housing. The 50-homes plan in any event was dropped as impractical.

The minister's initiative to promote pre-fab housing for the refugees in Sidon made good copy of foreign journalists astonished at the spectacle of Israel at first destroying the refugees' homes and then selling them replacements. Not one pre-fab was sold, despite Meridor's offer of a \$500 grant.

The thousands of tents that were offered at first to the homeless refugees as the only possible solution to their winter housing problems were paid for by UNRWA, and are still sitting in a warehouse somewhere. The refugees refused to take the tents — which put them back 35 years to their miserable condition following the War of Independence — and set some of them afire.

Even the initiative to provide pre-fab buildings for classrooms at the Ein Hilwe camp, which stalled over the critical winter months due to UNRWA procrastination and to legal entanglements, was in the end carried out solely by voluntary agencies. Sixteen pre-fabs were finally delivered in May, but are still not even fully utilized.

IN THE END, what saved the winter housing situation in the camps was the idea originated and for the most part paid for by the AJDC of distributing cement to the refugees so that they could repair or rebuild their homes themselves. Once the cement shipments started rolling into Sidon and Tyre, the refugees rebuilt at a rapid pace that surprised most observers.

Meridor's report does not give credit to the AJDC for this initiative, nor does it mention how much money was spent by government and voluntary agencies on aid to Lebanese and Palestinians in South Lebanon. That would have been too embarrassing. Aside from initial emergency relief and medical aid throughout the year, the government has spent practically nothing on "rehabilitating" the Palestinians in South Lebanon.

Close encounters

JERUSALEM NOTEBOOK/Abraham Rabinovich

anything." The Jewish girls huddled amid giggles but couldn't settle on a song. Then one of the Arab girls said: "Sing 'Hail'." She was referring to Israel's entry in the Eurovision contest, a bouncy number whose rhythm the Arab girls evidently enjoyed without paying much attention to the patriotic thrust of the lyrics.

The Jewish girls began singing the familiar song at the top of their voices. To their surprise, the Arab girls joined in the chorus — "Hail, hail, am Yisrael hai." Then the Arab girls sang a song in Arabic, and the Israeli girls listened attentively without understanding. "They had nice clear voices," says Dana.

As the teachers called for their classes to assemble, Dana and Zuzi and the other girls exchanged good-byes. Dana paused at the gate a moment to look back at the Arab girls, then hurried after her class.

THE FIRST thing that impressed Dov's two Lebanese guests as they swept over the rise at the Rosh

Hanikra border crossing into Israel last September was the neatness and the greenness of the landscape.

The second was the traffic light at Nahariya and the fact that cars were brought to a halt simply by a change of colour. Where they came from it took armed men and roadblocks to stop a car, and sometimes that wasn't enough.

Dov was a technical expert with the Israel Television team in Beirut. He had met the father of one of his guests at a restaurant. The man, a Christian, had taken him home and introduced them to his family. Dov's invitation to visit his home in Jerusalem was accepted with alacrity by two of the young people present and the appropriate passes were obtained from the army with ease. After five days with Dov and his American-born wife Judy, the two young Lebanese returned home.

A month later they returned with three others. Judy put them up on her living room couch and in sleeping bags on the floor.

"I took them to a concert at the Jerusalem Theatre," she recalls. "They were absolutely fascinated. Some had never been to a concert,

some only before the civil war."

There were two boys and two girls — all college students — and the mother of one of the girls. They were wealthy Christians. Although their families distanced themselves from the Phalange establishment. They brought food with them and even insisted on cooking occasionally for their hosts. Among the Lebanese dishes they prepared was *tabouleh* salad.

Last February one of the Lebanese girls and one of the boys showed up again, this time without warning after having driven across the border in their car. "We were delighted to have them," says Judy. "It was like having someone drop in from Haifa for the weekend. It was like a family visit."

There have been no visits since. As the situation in Lebanon deteriorated through the spring and the bright hopes for a new era began to recede, Judy and Dov thought of their Lebanese friends often.

Last month Dov was posted again to Lebanon, this time with his army reserve unit. He was assigned to liaison work in the Shouf Mountains east of Beirut with the warring Druse and Christians, helping arrange exchanges of prisoners. At first opportunity he telephoned his Lebanese friends and arranged for a meeting at a petrol station on the Beirut-Damascus highway in a Beirut suburb.

They were plainly happy to see him but the old gaiety was gone. "I saw the fear in their faces," says Dov. "They had returned to their ghetto situation."

This time, the distance between hope and expectation was painfully clear to both sides.

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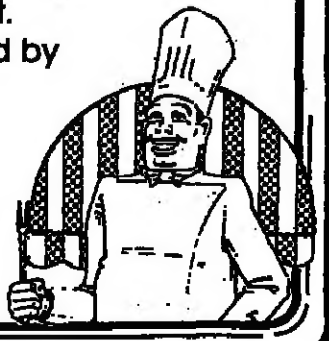
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By WOLF BLITZER

WHILE ANXIOUS to win this special funding for the Lavie, Begin is said to be more anxious to win increased U.S. strategic cooperation with Israel. This would have a political and psychological importance for Israel.

Israeli officials said that neither Begin nor Arens is especially anxious to revive the ill-fated U.S.-Israeli strategic cooperation memorandum, which was signed by Secretary of Defense Caspar Weinberger and then minister of defense Ariel Sharon in November 1981. The Americans suspended it a month later, following the Knesset's enactment of the Golan Heights Law. Weinberger has said recently that the U.S. is prepared to renew the memorandum whenever Israel wants to do so. Israel, however, has taken no steps in that direction.

Instead, Israeli officials said, Begin would very much like to see some high profile ventures in joint

U.S.-Israeli strategic planning. This would underline Israel's strategic importance to the U.S.

Reagan administration officials are clearly receptive to the idea, raising the possibility of joint U.S.-Israeli naval, and perhaps even aerial, maneuvers in the eastern Mediterranean. In addition, Pentagon officials are moving forward for the first time with schemes involving the prepositioning of hospital equipment in Israel.

FOREIGN MINISTRY Director-General David Kimche, who impressed senior U.S. officials during his visit to Washington in mid-June, is said to have made another proposal. This would involve the U.S. helping Israel's efforts to restore its influence in parts of the Third World.

Kimche has privately outlined a far-reaching plan for Israel to revive its once flourishing technical as-

sistance programme to African, Asian and Latin American countries — many of which severed ties with Israel after the 1967 and 1973 wars. Israel clearly is capable of providing some badly needed advice in all sorts of agricultural, medical, scientific and technological fields. It has no shortage of talented people to send to the developing countries — as it demonstrated during the 1960s. It is, however, short of cash, and that is where Washington could come into the picture, according to the Kimche proposal.

In addition, the Americans might be more active in promoting the idea with the Third World.

On this matter, well-placed sources in Washington said, the administration is also clearly receptive, having already quietly cooperated with Israel in various recent projects in Central America and Africa.

Beyond these proposals, Israel has other ideas involving future U.S. assistance. For some time now, Israel has wanted to establish a free trade zone with the U.S., meaning that Israeli goods could enter the U.S. duty free, and vice versa. The Americans have not yet responded to this proposal.

Israel, moreover, wants to revive its request that it be allowed to use \$200m. in U.S. foreign military sales credits in Israel for the purchase of Israeli-made military equipment. Normally, FMS credits have to remain in the U.S. This \$200m. "shekel conversion," as it has been dubbed, would be in addition to the \$150m. per year FMS request for the Lavie over the next ten years.

Following the Golan Heights Law, the U.S. suspended two other cooperative agreements with Israel. One was for the purchase by the Pentagon of Israeli-made military equipment — to the tune of about \$200m. a year. The second would have permitted third countries receiving U.S. military credits — in the Far East and Central America, for example — to use some of that money to purchase Israeli-made components.

There is good reason to believe

that Reagan will be receptive to reviving these two proposals.

NATURALLY, ISRAEL can be expected to press the administration to include a more favourable grant-loan mix in its next foreign aid budget, which will be submitted to Congress in early 1984. Israel's external debt burden is simply growing much too fast.

Administration officials insisted it was rather unlikely that the president would accept major changes in longstanding U.S. positions on sensitive political issues, such as West Bank settlements or the status of Jerusalem. If Begin is hoping to convince Reagan to abandon his peace initiative, U.S. officials said, the premier will be in for a rude awakening.

But what is probable, they added, is that the matter will be skirted. Both leaders are likely to avoid discussion of these delicate issues, preferring instead to focus on bilateral and strategic issues, the situation in Lebanon and other areas of general agreement. In short, the summit can be expected to be a love fest.

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Mutiny or coup?

By JAMIL HAMAD

DIFFERENCES have existed for a long time within the ranks of the Fatah organization. But what surprised both Palestinians and seasoned observers was the recent expression of those differences in Lebanon in such violent and dramatic style.

Tracing the development of those internal divisions within Fatah, we must remember that it was the Fatah Central Council, not the more radical fringe of the PLO, that vetoed the Arafat-Husseini agreements. It was also the Fatah Central Council meeting in Kuwait that made it clear in no uncertain terms to Arafat that he was not empowered to go ahead with his own plans of Palestinian co-ordination with Jordan.

If we go back even before the Kuwait meeting, there is the evidence of the Palestine National Council meeting in Algeria in February 1983. Debates there showed growing opposition to Arafat's rapprochement with Jordan and his flexible position on the Reagan peace initiative. At that critical meeting Arafat succeeded in dampening the fires of his opposition by giving in to the hot-heads in the PLO.

The resolutions that came out of the PNC meeting showed that the "winning" side in the PLO totally rejected the Reagan plan or co-ordination with the Jordanian government. And any dialogue with Israeli peace elements was rejected. When the PNC denied Dr. Sarfati (assassinated in Lisbon this spring) the right to speak, Arafat's absolute silence indicated his inability to defend even his own supporters.

AND BEFORE Algeria? If we study the 1981 cease-fire between the PLO and Israel, we recognize two things: one, the cease-fire was a clear-cut sign that for the first time the PLO had become a military threat to Israel, and two, Arafat's success in persuading the various factions of the PLO to comply with the cease-fire gave him political strength both in the Arab world and in the international arena. These two points were the real motives behind the Israeli invasion of Lebanon last summer.

On the other side of the game board, these same two factors led to Arafat's making many enemies. He was accused on the one hand of playing the tune of the Arab reactionaries by insisting on the cease-fire, and on the other hand, he was accused of too much independence from the so-called progressive Arab regimes. Syria for one saw in Arafat's round-the-world trips and in the way the PLO operated in Lebanon an ill-ordered

departure from the traditional Syrian-Palestinian co-ordination. Syria saw Arafat making appeals to other Arab powers — enemies of Syria. And the PLO, in certain points in Lebanon, were allying themselves with other anti-Syrian elements. This led to a behind-the-scenes clash between Syria's and Arafat's political lines. It is no longer a secret that in April, 1982 Arafat was telling his colleagues at a meeting in Damascus that Syria was planning to provoke Israel against the PLO and thereby weaken it. Arafat therefore stressed to his colleagues that at all costs they must observe the cease-fire and not fall into the Syrian trap.

THE ATTACK against the Israeli ambassador in London in 1982 was the straw that broke the camel's back. Arafat's warning was borne out, and the PLO was left alone to confront the military might of Israel.

One can well imagine Arafat besieged in Beirut in August 1982, fully cognizant of who had put him in this hopeless position — Hafez Assad. I can imagine him calling to all the Arab heads-of-state for help — to all but Assad. And the evacuation of Arafat to Athens was a blatant message to the Palestinians, to the Arabs, and to the world that he was not going to the country which had betrayed him and which had remained idle while the Israelis were bombing Palestinians. The message was received loud and clear in Damascus.

From that moment Damascus decided to make things as difficult as possible for Arafat. Damascus started by dominating the Fatah units stationed in the Bekaa Valley, and by wooing military staff away from Fatah. At the same time they began to feed with their own brand of discontent the disappointed and dissatisfied elements in Fatah.

THE LEBANESE-Israeli agreement this May was the alarm-bell. Syria has made it clear that it rejects the agreement and will fight it on all fronts. And Syria heard in Arafat's soft language a potential weakness in the Syrian rejection front. The possibility that Arafat would accept the principle of withdrawal of troops from Lebanon would put Syria in a very delicate position. The Syrians therefore decided to translate the Palestinian opposition to Arafat into a typically Syrian event — a military coup.

The ranks of the PLO had failed to oppose Arafat. Now the time had come for the Syrians' big announcement — naming Col. Abu Musa as the new, officially recognized rival claimant to Arafat's leadership.

Opposition in the Arab world

does not go to the masses to mobilize them for a re-structured regime. Opposition recruits a tank commander who is able to capture the national broadcasting station and topple the government. Arab political opposition has found itself the hostage of military officers who enjoy running the affairs of state. This is the dilemma of the opposition whenever it is seen in action in Syria, Sudan, Egypt, the two Yemens, Libya and even in Morocco and Jordan.

As had happened in the past in Syria, it was repeated in the Bekaa Valley. New military units joined the rebels. Fatah offices were captured and taken over. Fighting broke out.

AT THIS STAGE in the Fatah mutiny it is extremely risky — as always in the Middle East — to make predictions. There are certain facts, however, which cannot be overlooked:

• The Fatah is no longer a single organization.

• The Arab world cannot help Arafat. Even some Arab countries to denounce the Syrian and Libyan role in encouraging the mutiny, this would make the Syrians and the Libyans more determined to complete their aims.

• The influence of the Soviet Union in resolving the Fatah split is limited. The Kremlin in any case is not happy with Arafat's weekly pilgrimages to Riyadh.

• Syria will certainly use the outcome of the Fatah mutiny to shatter its isolation within the Arab world and to strengthen the Arab progressive movement, first by confounding the American Middle East plans, and second by proving that the Palestinian liberation movement can never be labelled as moderate. Arafat's dilemma is not that he has been banned from Syrian-controlled territories, it is that his supporters are all situated in territories controlled by the Syrians. Saving one man's neck is easy. Relocating the pro-Arafat fighters in other Arab territories just won't happen. Only Syria can decide the future of Fatah.

• The Israeli invasion of Lebanon and the flight of the PLO from Beirut will continue to be that heavy stone that the Arab stomach finds indigestible. There is no doubt that the Lebanese war and its outcome will cause some faces to be totally eclipsed, and will be the catalyst for the appearance of new faces and new language.

The mutiny in Fatah is also another blow to West Bankers and Gazans. We have suffered enough from the intermeddling rivalries of the Arab world. We have had enough blood shed by the Arabs, enough of Arab weapons pointed at Arab heads.

There is no question that the Fatah rivalries are already making themselves felt in the West Bank and Gaza. New alliances will be created, new approaches tried. Those who believe that this critical split in the PLO will create a political vacuum are both right and wrong: right, because the conventional forces in the West Bank and Gaza will need time to reshape their tactics, wrong, because the West Bank and Gaza is the only free field where all the Arab rivalries and Palestinian divisions can be played out.

PERHAPS because the Palestinians here are not situated in the Bekaa Valley, we are in exactly the right position from which we can send a message to Damascus and Tripoli, a message that we are tired of Arab interference in Palestinian affairs. We are tired of officers who drive tanks and shoot machine guns just to hold on to their own power. We are sick of the Arab world determining what we want the PLO to do for us. It is not the business of any Arab country to involve itself in our affairs. The time has come for the Palestinians to create their own hope.

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Rewriting history

By SHMUEL KATZ

serious mien an undying commitment to Israel's security and in the next breath to urge upon Israel the Reagan Plan, a prescription for suicide by degrees. It surely indicates, moreover, a high degree of irresponsibility towards the global interests of the West for U.S. leaders, who claim to perceive Israel's capacity to stand against Soviet expansionism, then to urge upon it a territorial shrinkage which would largely nullify that deterrent capacity, and reduce it to an unrelieved febrile preoccupation with the defence of the bare bones of its existence.

Or, do we have to assume that these American statements are simply ignorant (or forgetful) of some of the crucial facts about the "conflict"?

If Mr. Eagleburger did not remember Egypt's Yom Kippur onslaught, maybe he is also not conscious of the fact that for 19 years (between 1948 and 1967) the eastern Palestinian Kingdom of Jordan was in occupation (illegally, as the result of unprovoked aggression, it is true — but in effective occupation) of Judea and Samaria; and that it lost that possession only because King Hussein wished and tried, in 1967, to deliver the final death-blow to the Israel within the 1949 Armistice Lines?

Maybe Eagleburger (and Weinberger and the rest) have never pondered the fact that those Armistice Lines (to which, by the

Reagan Plan, they would confine Israel) came into existence as the consequence of the earlier war launched upon the infant Israel by all the Arab States with the vociferous purpose of destroying it at birth — within the minuscule territory of the 1947 partition plan — and of wiping out its population?

Nor, presumably, have they pondered the strange fact that if the phenomenon of a "homeless Palestinian people" really existed there was nothing to prevent its being handed Judea and Samaria during those 19 years of Jordanian Arab occupation of these areas.

Have Mr. Eagleburger and the others never read the Palestinian Covenant of the PLO, whose central theme is the snuffing out of Israel and the elimination of the majority of its population; and are they not aware that all the Arab states are committed to the objectives of the PLO — which, after all, was fostered, and sustained and protected by all of them — and that it is they, indeed, who made possible the dimensions of the PLO scourge?

However, whether the origin of the utterances of U.S. spokesmen is ignorance or cynicism or both, or simply automatic "accommodation" to the will of beautiful Saudi Arabia, Washington has shown little wisdom in ignoring the fact that the Reagan Plan was rejected out of hand by the Israeli Government.

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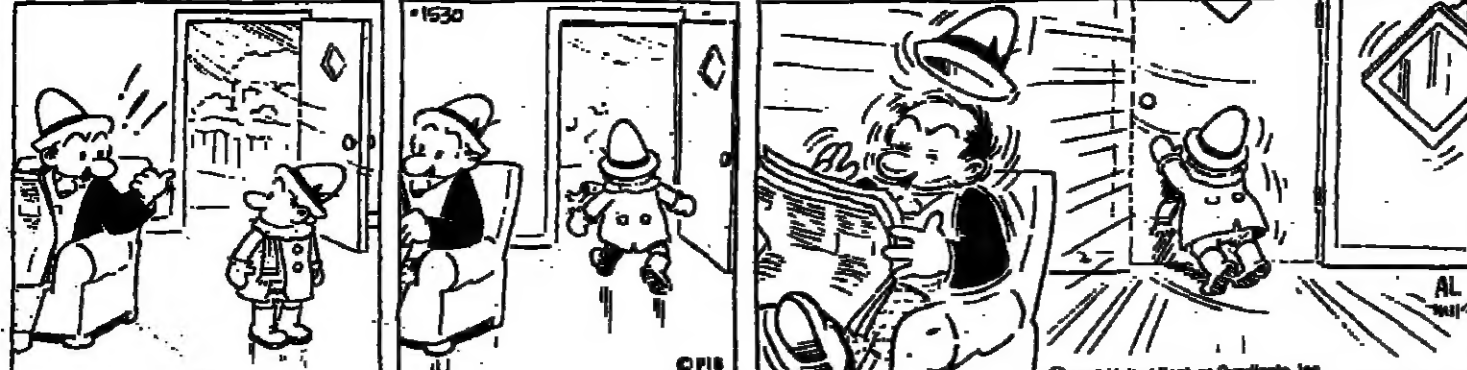
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Neighbourhood quiet to end

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH
Jerusalem Post Reporter

THE PASTORAL remoteness of the Naveh Sha'anani quarter, in the heart of Jerusalem, will end within half a year, according to Transportation Ministry estimates, when Buria Road is opened between Golomb Road and the government centre.

Residents of the neighbourhood attempted to halt construction of the 1.2 kilometre stretch of roadway by appealing to the High Court of Justice. But in the absence of a decision, work continues unabated.

The road is planned to relieve the Valley of the Cross road of some of the heavy rush-hour traffic between the south of the city and the government centre. Residents fear it will become a major thoroughfare for inter-city traffic coming off Patl Road from Gilo and heading north.

Traffic planners say they would have preferred pushing north-south traffic into the next valley, between the Hebrew University and Beit Hakerem, where a major freeway — Road Number Four — is planned. "The trouble is that it would cost 10 times as much and we don't have the money," says Michael Nakmann, Jerusalem district traffic engineer for the Transportation Ministry. Whereas the new Buria Road section is 1.2 kilometres long, the Road Number Four section between Golomb Road and the city entrance is some 3.5 kilometres long and wider.

In addition, says Nakmann, approval already existed for Buria Road, while a lengthy approval process would have to be completed before work could start on the Road Number Four section. Present plans call for its construction between 1985-1992.

The Buria Road right-of-way could accommodate two carriageways, each of two lanes, but only one carriageway is presently being built. Nakmann expressed doubt that the second would be built in the foreseeable future.

Residents of Naveh Sha'anani can draw comfort from the fact that a Transportation Ministry proposal to extend Buria Road past the government centre to the city entrance has been blocked by the Interior Ministry. The proposal would have made Buria even more attractive to north-south traffic, since it would not come to an end at the government centre. Interior Ministry planners objected because the extended road would have brought traffic past the Prime Minister's Office.

City comes off clean ...more or less

State Comptroller finds faults fixed

By MICHAEL EILAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

THEY WERE smiling at City Hall after the publication this week of the State Comptroller's report on the Jerusalem municipality. The comptroller's investigators found no evidence of corruption or major scandals, and said many of the faults they did find have already been rectified by the municipality.

The comptroller did find much to criticize in the way planning permission was granted for the construction of two hotels, the Sheraton and Laromme, but most of his criticism has been previously published. Other smaller municipal affairs also came in for criticism. But on the whole, the usually censorious tone of the comptroller's reports seems to have been softened by a grudging respect for the management of the city. The last two pages of the 73-page report commend City Hall for having reduced its deficit while maintaining "generally satisfactory" services to a rapidly growing city.

The report covers the three years from 1979 to 1981, but also includes reports on events in 1982, and some findings were updated up to May this year.

Between 1978 and 1982, a time when the city was growing rapidly, municipal manpower was cut from 133 to 13 municipal workers per 1,000 residents. This drop in manpower, while services were being increased, was especially noted in a press conference held this week by Mayor Teddy Kollek to answer the comptroller's findings.

The most detailed criticism in the report deals with the planning and construction of the Sheraton and Laromme hotels, which the report calls hotels A and B.

Hotel A, the Sheraton, was built with more floor space underground than was permissible — according to the comptroller, partly because the municipality did not enforce the regulations. The Sheraton also fenced off an area on the south side of the hotel which was designated as a public open space. City Hall says it has prosecuted the hotel for these transgressions, forcing it to seal several rooms, and has obtained a court order for the pulling down of the fence by October 1 this year.

Hotel B, the Laromme, was also built with more floor space than legally allowed. But it was the city council, acting as a local planning committee, which recommended that the district planning committee permit the transgressions. Deputy attorney-general Yoram Bar-Sela investigated City Hall's part in these transgressions in 1980 and his report, quoted by the comptroller, faults the municipality for its part in the affair. In his reply to this part of the report, Kollek said the city is adopting the recommendations of the Bar-Sela report.

The terms of city engineer Amnon Niv's employment by the municipality were also the subject of severe criticism. Niv worked four-and-a-half days a week for the city and the rest as a private architect. The comptroller found room for

possible conflict of interest in this arrangement, even though Niv is not supposed to do business with firms which have any major involvement in Jerusalem. When he was first hired six years ago, Niv was given extremely easy loans to help him find a home in Jerusalem. Niv still lives in Kfar Shmaryahu and the money has not been repaid.

Niv's salary is supplemented by a 5,000 kilometre-a-month car allowance, but for nearly a year he received an allowance for an extra 3,040 kilometres a month. After the comptroller discovered the extra allowance, the municipality, which says the extra allowance was a "mistake," docked the money from Niv's payslip.

Another part of the report deals with grants funnelled by the Interior Ministry through the municipality to various public bodies. The Jerusalem municipality got off relatively lightly, compared to findings in other local authorities, whose investigations have shown that local authorities funnelled money from the ministry to fictitious institutions, or institutions that were outside their jurisdiction. The Jerusalem municipality was not guilty of either of these transgressions. But the comptroller did find that the municipality received financial reports from only 16 institutions out of 110 files investigated. There were also no clear criteria for the granting of money. The city council decided in 1981



The sixth grade of the Katznelson school in Mekor Baruch won this year's "Greenest Class" competition, run by the Council for a Beautiful Israel. The sixth-graders have tended these plants for the last three years. A similar competition for younger children was won by a class in the Argentina School. (Zeev Ackerman)

that it would not forward Interior Ministry money without seeing a financial statement from the institution, and is working on the criteria for eligibility for grants.

The report also deals severely with a hotel that was in business for nine years without the necessary municipal licence. In this case, the report says, city authorities were far too trusting of the hotel management's promises to install the safety measures demanded by the fire brigade. The comptroller lists several other problems connected to cumbersome licensing procedures. Responsibility for some of these problems, the report says, belongs to the governmental bodies that must approve licences. City

Hall is now adopting a more streamlined procedure for business licensing.

The final chapter in the comptroller's report deals with the municipal budget. The municipality is commended for cutting down its deficit (during years of relative cutbacks in government aid to local authorities). Several bookkeeping practices are criticized, but most of these were corrected and the city is now "adhering to the bookkeeping practices designated for local authorities."

In the last paragraph of the report, the comptroller praises the municipality's "concentrated" effort to correct the faults found by the investigators.

Police fear bomb wave

By ROBERT ROSENBERG
Jerusalem Post Reporter

TUESDAY'S BOMBING of a supermarket on Rehov Hapalmach, in which two Denmark School eighth-graders were injured, was the fifth bombing incident in Jerusalem since early May.

There is concern among senior Jerusalem police officers that the city may be subjected to further terror attempts this summer.

On May 9, a girl was injured when a bomb exploded on a bus, and five days later a large bomb was dismantled in downtown Jerusalem. On May 16, a bomb exploded at a bus stop without causing casualties.

In early June, a storekeeper in the Hutzot Hayotzer crafts centre outside Jaffa Gate discovered a package, which contained what police described as "a very large bomb." Sappers later discovered a second such package in the area.

"Without getting into the high politics of the matter, it's obvious that the terrorists want to make some impact here because of what's going on in Lebanon," a senior police source said this week.

A police spokesman reiterated after the supermarket bombing incident that in order for the police to be effective, they need public cooperation in identifying suspicious packages.

Furthermore, added the spokesman, under no circumstances should anybody touch a suspicious package. "Let the experts do that," he said.

Jerusalem police sappers handle about 100 calls every 24 hours. After every bombing incident in the city, the number of calls increases. Almost all are false alarms.

"But they'd rather work harder and thereby save lives, then wait to clean up after a bombing," said a spokesman.

Keeping the kids satisfied

By GREER FAY CASHMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

"WHAT ARE we going to do with the kids?" The question resurfaces on the eve of every school vacation period in tens of thousands of homes across the country. Parents are concerned about keeping their offspring off the streets and out of trouble, and are grimly calculating how much the summer holidays are going to cost them in both nerves and money.

Households in which both parents work are worried that any

discipline imbued at school will erode during the long, hot summer.

According to Ikke Kedem, assistant to the Jerusalem municipal spokesman, parents in the capital have minimal cause for concern. This year's summer day camps, under the auspices of the municipality's department for youth, sport and social activities, are more numerous and more varied than in previous years. They will provide recreational and educational outlets for well over 20,000 youngsters.

Day camps for children in classes 1 to 3 will be held in the schools, organized in conjunction with the Municipality's Education Department. Community culture, youth and sports centres (*ma'asim*) and other youth-oriented bodies are cooperating in the mammoth venture.

More than 1,000 high school students have been recruited for summer jobs as day camp counsellors, sports trainers, supervisors of activities and of the city's public gar-

dens. This summer, the municipality will be the largest single employer of high school youth.

High school students will also be able to attend specialized courses in computer science, graphics, electronics, nature studies and religious studies. A three-day course in zoology will be held at the Biblical Zoo, with graduates later being able to serve as zoo guides.

Some 350 Arab and Jewish children will participate in an eight-day course in first aid, which will be held in the Jerusalem Forest. The course will be divided into five groups: two for secular Jews, two for religious Jews (segregating males and females) and a joint class for Arabs and secular Jews.

Camps specializing in sport will provide training in tennis, swimming and basketball. A major sports event will be the Elitzur, sponsored by the Elitzur company. The one-day sports happening on August 2 will include a parade through the city, entertainment at Sultan's Pool and a basketball match at the Manahat stadium.



A fire engine is inspected by eager summer campers. (Vera Elzoin)

Children of new immigrants can prepare for the new school year at summer uplaning, under the joint aegis of the municipality and the Ministry of Education.

Registration for summer camps closed at the end of May, but the municipality is aware that many children might have not registered because their parents could not afford the fees (ISL250-151,750), because they simply hadn't taken note of the deadline. It has made ar-

rangements for spontaneous half-day camps in various neighbourhoods, particularly in those populated by economically and culturally deprived families.

In addition, there will be informal family sporting activities on Sunday, Tuesday and Thursday afternoons and on Saturdays between 10.00 a.m. and 2.00 p.m. at the Liberty Bell Park. These activities will be supervised by sports counsellors, and sporting equipment will be made available by the municipality.

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THE HOTTEST sidewalk in Israel is a short stretch of cobbled Jerusalem stone across the street from Prime Minister Menachem Begin's official residence in Rehavia.

The sun doesn't beat down there any harder than anywhere else in the country, and there are no attempts to fry eggs on the pavement. But, with the sidewalk now serving as a platform for anybody with a grudge — ideological or personal — against Begin, his government — or simply what is often termed "the situation" — the site resounds with non-stop political argument, 24 hours a day.

Early this week there were hunger-striking medical students asking for better wages for colleagues who had already graduated. (They packed up and left on Monday, as the doctors' strike appeared to be on the verge of settlement by arbitration.) Still at their posts are pro-government demonstrators, supplied by Begin's Herut party. These are not protesting against the government, but against the adjoining group of anti-war demonstrators, who were the first to appear on the sidewalk.

That demonstration, displaying a small placard recording the number of soldiers killed in Lebanon, was recently joined by several women from the Parents Against Silence organization. And, just beyond them, is a small, white-haired woman protesting against the inclusion of fascism and Nazism in the Israeli political lexicon.

AMONG THE demonstrators are the standard extras, like in the background of a movie.

First of all come the policemen, who have been on duty 24 hours a day since the original group of

Sidewalk extravaganza

By ROBERT ROSENBERG / Jerusalem Post Reporter

protestors against continued Israeli presence in Lebanon appeared on the scene. Then there are the prime minister's bodyguards, forever talking into their collars and shift-cuffs. And then there are the dancers, young girls and boys who prance from the neighbouring Rubin Academy music building to the nearby dance studio, catching the eye of protestors, policemen and bodyguards alike.

Through all this, the well-heeled Rehavia residents continue their walks to and from the centre of town.

Sometimes real crazies show up. A few days ago a small Yemenite man came running up the street blowing a shofar. A taxi driver stopped to argue with one of the demonstrators and a traffic jam developed. The two policemen on the scene tried to get the traffic moving, but the shofar was making as much noise as the taxi driver. It finally took a policeman's whistle to quieten things down.

Begin, of course, is aware of all this, but the wall around his house probably muffles most of the noise. When he goes in and out, he rarely lifts his head to even glance at the demonstrators. His bodyguards

often try to shield him from the demonstrators' view.

SOMETIMES there is cooperation between the various groups. The anti-war group brought along a broom weeks ago, when they first started staying on the sidewalk, keeping warm in sleeping bags in the overnight Jerusalem chill. They shared the broom with the medical students and with the Herut demonstrators, who are, curiously, either very young students or elderly men.

The Parents Against Silence group, composed of middle-aged mothers, well-dressed and neatly coiffed, sometimes bring sandwiches for the anti-war demonstrators.

Everybody passing by can find somebody to argue with — and the arguments abound. A man passing a hunger-striker last week started screaming that the doctors are all murderers and should all be murdered. The striker had not eaten anything in five days except for some squeezed lemon, and could barely move. As long as the screaming man did not touch the demonstrator, the police were legally barred from taking action. But

they were ready, waiting for violence.

When the Herut party demonstrators first arrived on the scene to protest against the "merchandizing of death," they came with about 20 people, whose shouts were audible even over the noise of traffic a block away.

Some senior police officers felt that the pro-Begin demonstrators wanted a scuffle to break out, thus forcing the police to end all demonstrations at the site. So they put up a barricade between the anti-war protestors and the pro-Begin demonstrators.

After a day, however, only two or three Herut demonstrators remained at the site, and it became routine for one group to ignore the other.

Jerusalem Police Chief Tatziv Rahamim Comfort is well-known for his firmly held opinion that a person has the right to express his opinion, as long as he doesn't break the law.

NOBODY at the sidewalk on Balfour Street really likes being there. The Herut people think there shouldn't be any demonstrations at all outside their leader's house. "But as long as they are here," says one, pointing to the anti-war group, "we'll be here."

Demonstrators come and go, as the issues come and go. The anti-war people would be happy if they could end their demonstration with soldiers' return from Lebanon. The little old lady with her lexical protest remarks that she should really be babysitting for her grandson.

But they plan to stay on the sidewalk until they are satisfied. Some might call it a form of harassment. Others call it democracy.

with our everyday expenses."

The Israeli game has flourished in recent years. Acceptance to the International Cricket Conference brought invitations for the national team to participate — albeit without much success — in two mini world cup tournaments in England.

While not yet on the level of the West Indies, perhaps, the Israeli game is played at a pretty high standard, with many immigrants contributing their experience of senior-level cricket in their native countries.

Perlman doesn't see the game catching on in the country as a whole, however. "It's far too slow to become really popular here," he reflects, "but I'm sure the university team will keep going. There are always new olim coming to the university, and once you've played cricket, you've got to keep going. It gets into your blood."

This season's main opposition for the Jerusalem side, however, is enough to make anybody's blood run cold: 11 powerful-looking gentlemen assembled under the United Nations banner. The presence of the peacekeeping force does have some advantages, it would appear.

THE UNIVERSITY'S team, still to find its best form this season, has had trouble coping with the free-scoring Caribbean opposition. After a good result in the season's opening game, the university lost three straight matches in a row — not helped by some appalling fielding.

"But it really isn't the winning that matters to us," says Perlman. "It's enough, after all the trouble we've had keeping the game going here, to be playing at all."

So, if you're interested in spending a relaxed Saturday afternoon watching a quaint old game, pop along to the vast Givat Ram stadium — admission free. You should have about 20,000 seats to choose from.

Great Jerusalem marathon

By GREER FAY CASHMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter



Flora pushes her way through the water.

(Dan Landau)

FIFTEEN Jerusalem swimmers were flushed with success this week after covering distances ranging from 150 to 250 metres.

To seasoned swimmers, this may not sound like too great a feat. But each of the 15 was a physically handicapped child who had to be carried in and out of the water.

Residents of the Alyn Orthopedic Hospital and Rehabilitation Centre, the youngsters were swimming to raise funds for the campaign for the prevention of road accidents in Jerusalem. Confident that they could swim at least 1,000 m. between them, they set themselves a target of 3,000 m. to attract spon-

sors. Few of them were really able to swim in the strict definition of the word. Most of them either floated or tread water, but they put as much effort into what they were doing as any Olympic swimmer.

Heading the list of sponsors was President Chaim Herzog, who was joined by numerous firms and individuals in raising a total of IS100,000. A large facsimile cheque from the "Alyn Bank" was presented to Mayor Teddy Kollek, who, obviously moved by the courage of the young people whose painstaking progress in the pool he had witnessed, promptly added IS500 from his own pocket.

Not all the parents of the swimmers were able to attend to give encouragement. The children at Alyn come from all over the country and parents living far from Jerusalem were unable to take time off from work. But there were other enthusiastic supporters to cheer them on.

Initially, the swimmers' ears were filled with the shouts of fellow Alyn residents and staffers. Then, about half-way through the marathon, the pool-side area was invaded by a large group of American teenagers who are in Israel under the auspices of the World Union for Progressive Judaism. They began a loud, steady chant to spur the water babies on.

The strategy worked. Those still in the pool picked up speed and doggedly pushed their bodies to attain a minimum of 200 m. each.

Swimming instructors Dan Becker and Michelle Kavin stayed in the pool with the swimmers to ensure that there were no mishaps and to pluck them out of the water as soon as their energies were exhausted.

With one major sporting accomplishment behind them, the Alyn youngsters are considering something of a more competitive nature: they may challenge physically normal children to a wheelchair race.

Signs of things to come

By MICHAEL EILAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

The banks and insurance companies on Ben Yehuda Street should lead the next big offensive in giving a new look to the buildings and shops in the city centre's pedestrian mall, according to the Council for a Beautiful Israel.

Yitzhak Yoreh, chairman of the special council committee dealing with the mall, said that Bank Discount, the largest bank in the street, should lead the other financial institutions in removing its large, brightly coloured signpost in favour of something more restrained.

The municipality has scrubbed the grime off the stone on three large buildings in the street and has tried to persuade shopkeepers and other businesses to improve their

appearance. One building, numbers four and six on Ben Yehuda Street, has been given a "new look" with new awnings and shop signs designed by Yoreh.

Now, the chairman says, the next big push should come from the banks, especially the Discount Bank.

Moshe Ber, Bank Discount's head of regional administration, said this week that his bank's main branch on Ben Yehuda would not take the lead in removing its signpost. Bank Discount would do so only if the other financial institutions along the street also agreed to replace their signs. The bank, he said, needs its large green stripe, especially since it wants to have all its branches easily recognizable by the

same sign.

Ber said he would not initiate a meeting of other banks along the street to discuss new signs.

City Hall spokesman Rafi Davara says the municipality has been spending a great deal of effort in trying to persuade shopkeepers to improve the look of their establishments. The city has already spent a great deal of money, some of which should have come from the shopkeepers themselves to clean up the street, and has issued shop summons to change their signs.

Youth capital

By GREER FAY CASHMAN

Plans for Jerusalem's annual salute to its younger generation are well underway. The two main centres for Youth Capital activities will be Sacher Park and the Liberty Bell Gardens. The two Jewish and Arab mayors of the Youth Capital

will jointly hold office between July 31 and August 6.

Valour will be the underlying theme of the week-long event, with a different focus each day. The carnival atmosphere will be relieved by discussions on serious subjects such as the police, the army, immigration and absorption and good citizenship.

A BEAUTIFUL summer's day, the reassuring thwack of leather on willow, distant cries of "How's that!" — and a weary, red-faced batsman retires sheepishly from the field.

A scene from Lords perhaps, or Melbourne, or the Caribbean? Not at all. What we are witnessing is another season of the Hebrew University's select XI, at the university stadium in Givat Ram.

They strike one as slightly incongruous, these 22 immaculately dressed men replete in cricket whites, shirts and boots. But they turn up, regular as clockwork, every two weeks, to play out their leisurely, refined game — within six-hitting distance of the Knesset and the Israel Museum.

Cricket, of course, is that seemingly so-boring game the British spread around their various colonies: it drags on for hours — days, even — and the big hit of the match usually occurs while you're admiring the weather vane on the pavilion roof.

The enthusiast will tell you it is the most subtle of sports, however, with so much going on that you "just don't understand."

BASICALLY, you have two sides of 11 men each, who take turns to bat — that is, hit the dangerous-looking leather ball, before it hits them — and field.

The fielding side try to get the batsman "out" by hurling the ball at the "wicket" structure, made up of three upright stumps and two cross-pieces, that the batsman is guarding.

The batting team, in turn, try to

Jerusalem cricket— far from stumped

By DAVID HOROVITZ/Jerusalem Post Reporter

score runs (points) by hitting the ball as far away as possible, so that the fielders have to run to all parts of the ground to get it. The batsman score one run every time they run the entire (22-yard) length of the pitch while the fielder is fetching the ball.

And that, in a nutshell, is cricket. Simple, isn't it?

Well, the British like it, and they brought it with them to Israel — all but taking it away when they left in 1948.

Isolated teams, made up mainly

of South African and Indian immigrants, kept the game going around the country, but the Jerusalem enthusiasts suffered for lack of a ground until, five years ago, they were given the chance to play at Givat Ram.

"THE HEBREW University has been wonderful in helping to keep cricket going here," says Stanley Perlman, one of the mainstays of the Jerusalem game. "It financed us, gave us permission to use the ground, and continues to help us



An unusual foreground for the Knesset.

(Photo by David Silverman)

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Military Correspondent, The Jerusalem Post
Topic: **THE WAR IN LEBANON AND ITS RAMIFICATIONS**

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BE CALMED IN BUKHARA

By CHARLES HOFFMAN / Jerusalem Post Reporter

FOUR YEARS HAVE passed since Project Renewal began to grapple with the complex social, physical, ethnic and religious problems of Jerusalem's Bukharan Quarter/Beit Yisrael area — and it is still having trouble getting off the ground. Even if it does take wing soon, part of the project may be "hijacked" by a group of disgruntled community activists.

Something is stirring in the area, but it is not the type of neighbourhood initiative originally conceived by the planners in high government circles. A member of the local renewal steering committee, Moshe Kahan of the Kamenetz Yeshiva, has begun to use the fund-raising channels developed with the South African Jewish community as conduits to fund programmes that the official project either can't or won't carry out.

The South African Israel United Appeal (IUA) started funding renewal programmes in the area in 1979, as part of the Jewish Agency's efforts to involve Diaspora communities in the project. Last year South Africa took on the added responsibility of funding renewal in Ofakim.

The project area, with its diverse population of 10,000, straddles both sides of Rehov Yehzekel in the northern part of the city, beyond Mea She'arim and Geula. The Bukharan Quarter, on the north side of the street, is the tattered remnant of a once-glorious neighbourhood studded with palatial homes and wide streets, built at the turn of the century. Today there are few Bukharan Jews left there, the majority being of Yemenite, Persian or Moroccan origin. Ultra-orthodox (*haredi*) Ashkenazim have made heavy inroads into the quarter in recent years.

Beit Yisrael, on the south side of Rehov Yehzekel, consists of a warren of narrow, twisting streets packed with cramped housing, and numerous yeshivot, synagogues and Talmud Torahs.

In a survey conducted by the project, 30 per cent of the population identified themselves as *haredi*, 50 per cent as orthodox (*masorti*), 15 per cent as traditional (*ashkenazi*) and five per cent as non-religious (*mitzuy*). Ethnically, the population is estimated by former project manager Ian Dreyer to be about 60 per cent Oriental Jews and the rest Ashkenazim.

AFTER THE FIRST year or two of gearing up and surveying the needs of the area, the South African com-

munity formed an association, directed by Dreyer, that made a fitful start in implementing projects. Community tensions between *haredim* and other residents and among the various ultra-orthodox groups themselves prevented the formation of a local steering committee, which is supposed to work up an annual plan and budget for the area, subject to approval by higher government authorities.

The Housing Ministry, which has overall government responsibility for the project, stayed aloof, since it didn't like the idea of the South African association running the show. Late last year, however, the association bowed out, the ministry appointed a project manager and a steering committee was laboriously put together.

The committee then made up a \$512,000 budget for 1983-84 — but the ministry pulled the rug out from under it by suddenly switching the project manager to another post in the ministry. Without a manager, the ambitious plans for this year stand little chance of getting off the ground, according to committee chairman Adi Bardanov.

For Moshe Kahan that was the last straw — or rather, one of several last straws — that convinced him it was time to strike out on his own and organize programmes outside the project, but with the help of South African Jewish money.

Sitting in his office in the Bukharan Quarter, the American-born executive director of the Kamenetz Yeshiva explains: "Things dragged on too long, and we became disgusted with the official machinery. We decided that we had to do something for the community, while expanding contacts with the South African community."

The "we" refers to other members of the steering committee, neighbourhood residents sympathetic to South African immigrants in Israel, and, last but not least, Jews in South Africa.

THE FIRST PROJECT started was a free-loan fund named in honour of South African Chief Rabbi Dov Casper.

"The idea for the fund came up during one of the rabbi's recent visits to the neighbourhood. We formed a non-profit organization for the purpose, registered it with the Interior Ministry, and the rabbi has been channelling contributions to the fund for the last several months."

Kahan notes that the fund has so far provided 150 unlinked and interest-free loans of IS2,000 each for a five-month period. Free loans or anything else that smacks of "handing out money" has been taboo in official Project Renewal since last year, after the Housing Ministry blew the whistle on several local loan programmes.

"There are many free-loan funds in the area," says Kahan, noting that practically every synagogue and yeshiva has one, "but this is the first one open to anyone in the entire community, with eligibility determined solely on the basis of need, not religious affiliation or anything else."

The 37-year-old Kahan, who made aliyah in 1969, talks with the savvy of a professional organizer and community service worker, which he was in the United States. A graduate of Penn State University, he served as director of B'nai B'rith Youth in New Jersey before coming to Israel. His shift to ultra-Orthodoxy came after his aliyah, and he has been with Kamenetz for the last six years.

Kahan and his group of renewal insurgents are also planning another, more ambitious project — a subsidized dental care programme that will possibly expand to include eye care and nutrition. This programme will compete directly with the official renewal dental care, if the latter ever gets started.

As chairman of the health sub-committee of the steering committee, Kahan was an early supporter of a subsidized dental care and hygiene programme for area residents, who sorely need such treatment, after years of neglect and ignorance about basic dental needs.

About three years ago, he says, a plan was formulated to set up a dental clinic as part of a community service centre that was to be housed in the Bukharan Quarter's Amal vocational school. The project paid the Histadrut, the owner of the Amal network, \$400,000 for the building — which has still not been vacated.

Meanwhile, community strife over plans to use part of the building as a club for non-Orthodox youth stalled the entire plan to convert the Amal school into a service centre. The plan for the dental clinic was delayed too, even though Kahan says he had a dentist and equipment available.

LAST YEAR the South African Jewish community sent a dentist to survey the situation, and he drew up a 16-page plan for a three-chair

clinic. But this has now been torpedoed by the municipality and the Jewish Agency. The agency's earlier enthusiasm for renewal dental clinics has evidently cooled, and the municipality pressured the project not to set up a grandiose facility that might become a white elephant later on, when renewal funds stop flowing.

Instead, the city pressed for, and the steering committee accepted, a more modest programme whereby schoolchildren in the lower grades will get basic care at the city's dental clinic in Ramat Eshkol.

"That's all that will come out of the years of planning and negotiating," says Kahan plaintively. "The dental programme approved now will be fine for first-graders — but what about the old people in the area, not to mention the older children? The city even vetoed our proposal for a temporary dental clinic in the neighbourhood because it didn't want to risk taking responsibility for it at a later stage."

So Kahan has put together another non-profit association, called Bukharan/Beit Yisrael Health Services, with neighbourhood residents and dental professionals on the board. This too will be funded, he hopes, by South African Jews, together with local private donors.

"We were able to get a complete set of free equipment — including chair, X-ray, etc. — from the widow of a dentist who died recently," he says, adding that Rabbi Elbaz of the Or Haim Yeshiva (for ex-delinquents) has offered to provide a room. "And we are looking for volunteer dentists from South Africa, or local ones willing to give their time."

One thing Kahan and Co. haven't worked out yet is which age-groups will get priority, what sort of care will be provided, and how it will be subsidized. Nevertheless, he is op-

timistic that the clinic can open within a few weeks.

BARDANOV of the steering committee and Dreyer of the South African IUA take a dim view, to say the least, of Kahan's dental project.

"I can't accept this type of approach," says Bardanov. "Not everyone can just do whatever they please. It's no 'disaster' if neighbourhood residents have to use clinics in near-by areas. In any case, the dental programme should have lower priority than, say, improved social facilities and housing for the aged."

TO ROUND OUT the picture of renewal in the Bukharan Quarter/Beit Yisrael area, mention should be made of work completed or in progress.

Dreyer reports that two pre-kindergarten classes have been constructed; one park and three playgrounds have been built; the homes of 100 old people have been renovated and 12 synagogues have been refurbished. In addition, major renovations have been carried out at the Central Home for the Aged.

The project has also paid for the services of nurses, social workers, youth workers, employment counsellors and other professionals, to cater to the social needs of the population, especially children and the aged.

The youth club problem has still not been solved. Since the Amal school will be used only for programmes that both Orthodox and non-Orthodox can take-part in, an alternative site for the club must be sought, says Dreyer, preferably on the edge of the neighbourhood close to Shmuel Hanavi — which has its own renewal programmes.

A recent IUA bulletin states that \$707,000 has been spent so far in the area: \$260,000 on social projects

and \$447,000 on physical projects, including the sum paid for the Amal school. The plan for 1983/84 calls for expanding previous projects and launching new ones such as religious activities for the community and \$28,000 in aid to about 20 Talmud Torahs.

The Housing Ministry, which usually carries out extensive work in renewal areas, renovating streets, sewers, public space and housing, has not yet undertaken any projects in the area. Even though the

ministry is formally back in the neighbourhood's renewal picture, Bardanov says that it has not finalized any plans yet for this fiscal year.

If renewal in the Bukharan Quarter/Beit Yisrael area continues at the same fitful and fragmentary pace that has characterized it until now, then the greatest beneficiary of the project may well turn out to be the Histadrut, which has pocketed \$400,000 for the Amal school.

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CAPITAL CALENDAR

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SUNDAY, JULY 3

8.00 a.m. — Off the beaten track walks through Jerusalem. Society for the Protection of Nature, 13 Helene HaMalka Street.

8.30 a.m. — Handicrafts, Frankforter Centre for the Aged, 80 Bethlehem Road.

9.00 a.m. — English classes, Frankforter Centre for the Aged.

10.00 a.m. — Gymnastics, Frankforter Centre for the Aged.

10.00 a.m. — 2.00 p.m. — Sundays to Thursdays inclusive: Open Eye Jerusalem Science Centre, "Hands on" science museum. National Library building, Givat Ram Campus, Hebrew University. Details 584285.

11.00 a.m. and 3.30 p.m. — Film *Tom Sawyer*, Israel Museum, daily till Thursday.

3.45 p.m. — Basic Life Motif in Jewish Tradition, lecture discussion with Dr. Ya'acov Fogelman, Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Straus.

4.00 p.m. — Needlework and embroidery classes for Jewish Art Objects, Centre for Conservative Judaism, 2 Rehov Agon.

5.30 p.m. — Sepikong College of Education (South Africa) choir, Liberty Bell Gardens.

5.30 p.m. (Sundays to Thursdays inclusive) — Light classical and folk music on the piano, Jordan Lounge, Laromme Hotel.

6.30 p.m. — Conversation group in easy Hebrew, Moadon Haoleh, 9 Alkalai Street.

7.00 p.m. — Piano/Violin duo, Jordan Lounge, Laromme Hotel.

7.00 p.m. — Folk dancing, Moadon Haoleh.

7.30 p.m. — AACL Poker Club, Moadon Haoleh.

8.00 p.m. — Israeli and International Folkdancing, ICCY, 12a Emek Refaim Street.

8.00 p.m. — Folk dancing, Philip Lown Community Centre, 9 Rehov Chilo 414996.

8.30 p.m. — Floor show with Trio Los Paraguays, Yehuda Bistrot, Laromme Hotel (Sundays to Thursdays inclusive).

8.30 p.m. — Piano/Violin duo, American Colony Hotel.

8.30 p.m. — Mor-Jy Consort, YMCA.

8.30 p.m. — Israel Philharmonic Orchestra with soloist Itzhak Perlman, Binyanei Ha'uma.

8.30 p.m. — Dance Free — dance improvisations to music, Tel Or, 1 Rehov Hahistadru.

3.00 p.m. — Overeaters Anonymous, Sabra Room, Plaza Hotel.

3.00 p.m. — AACL 4th of July Picnic and Baseball Competition, Sacher Park.

3.30 p.m. — Guided tour of the Shrine of the Book.

4.00 p.m. — Emotions Anonymous, Details 417040.

4.30 p.m. — *The Smell of Cooking*, children's performance in Hebrew, Train Theatre, Liberty Bell Gardens.

4.30 and 9.00 p.m. — Music and dance, Diaspora Yeshiva, Mt. Zion.

6.30 p.m. — Yoga, Philip Lown Community Centre.

7.00 p.m. — Film *The Night at Varennes*, Cinematheque.

7.00 p.m. — Rotary Club, King David Hotel.

7.30 p.m. — AACL Bridge and Scrabble Clubs, Moadon Haoleh.

7.30 p.m. — Film *42nd Street*, Cinematheque.

8.00 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Rehabilitation Centre, 24 Rehov Hapalmah.

8.00 p.m. — Lecture discussion with Dr. Ya'acov Fogelman, Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Straus.

8.00 p.m. — Film *Lord of the Flies* plus discussion on the connection between the Judaic Baal Zevuv and the Christian Beelzebub — concepts of evil. The Video Forum, Details 249532.

8.00 p.m. — Hebrew University Forum, lecture discussion by Richard Tate and Shai Shalom Friends on How Gentiles live in the Jewish State, Centre for Conservative Judaism, 2 Rehov Agon.

8.30 p.m. — American Folklore in honour of U.S. Independence Day, Liberty Bell Gardens.

8.30 p.m. — Summer Concert, David Trio, Targ Music Centre, Ein Karen.

9.00 p.m. — New Swingle Singers, Jerusalem Theatre.

9.00 p.m. — Jewish and Arab Folklore, YMCA, King David Street.

9.00 p.m. — Dance Music, Sharon Bar, Laromme Hotel (Monday to Thursday inclusive).

9.30 p.m. — Film *Lola*, Cinematheque.

10.30 p.m. — Floor Show with Trio Los Paraguays, Sharon Bar, Laromme Hotel.

Midnight — Soup "on the house" (Monday to Thursday inclusive) Sharon Bar, Laromme Hotel.

4.00 p.m. — Community Singing, Frankforter Centre for the Aged.

4.00 p.m. — General Meeting, Israel Association for the Prevention of Smoking, 72 Rehov Hanevim.

4.00 p.m. — Children's film *Hugo the Hippo*, Cinematheque.

6.00 p.m. and 8.00 p.m. — Film *The Marathon Man*, Israel Museum.

6.00 p.m. — Creative Writing Workshop conducted by Sonia Piller, Hebrew University Martin Buber Institute for Adult Education, Details 882444, 248168.

7.00 p.m. — Course in Computers, Moadon Haoleh.

7.00 p.m. — Classes in Arabic, Philip Lown Community Centre.

7.00 p.m. — Film *Excalibur*, Cinematheque.

7.30 p.m. — Scrabble Club, Windmill Hotel.

7.30 p.m. — (Nightly except Friday till July 16) Arts and Crafts Fair, Khutot Hayotzer.

7.30 p.m. — AACL Backgammon Club, Moadon Haoleh.

8.00 p.m. — Jewish Prayer, Discussion with Rabbi Naftali Levin, Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Straus.

8.00 p.m. — Alanon (Families of Alcoholics) Alcoholics Rehabilitation Centre, 24 Rehov Hapalmah.

8.00 p.m. — Dr. Idi Osof lectures in English on The Status of Women in China and Hong Kong, Beit WIZO, 1 Rehov Mapu.

8.30 p.m. — Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Jerusalem Theatre.

8.30 p.m. — Pianist Liz Magnus, American Colony Hotel.

9.00 p.m. — The Kuzari, study in basic Jewish philosophy, Sammy Straus, Israel Centre.

9.00 p.m. — Round-table discussion, Dan's Single's Club, 56 Sderot Herzl.

9.00 p.m. — Israeli Folklore, ICCY, 12a Emek Refaim.

9.30 p.m. — Film *The Hatter's Phantom*, Cinematheque.

11.00 p.m. — Discotheque, Khan Club.

5.00 p.m. — Open Academy of Jewish Studies, Hebrew Union College, 13 King David Street.

7.00 p.m. — Course in Palmistry (Hebrew), Details 668841.

7.00 p.m. — Film *It Happened Tomorrow*, Cinematheque.

7.15 p.m. — Overeaters Anonymous YMHA, Rehov Herzog.

8.00 p.m. — Israeli and International Folkdancing, ICCY, 12a Emek Refaim Street.

8.00 p.m. — Discussion evening, the Women's Voice, Rehov Hahistadru.

8.00 p.m. — 50 Chances of Understanding — Insights in Hassidism and Kabbala by Rabbi Yitzhak Ginsberg, Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Straus.

8.00 — Film *Lord of the Flies* plus discussion on connection between the Judaic Baal Zevuv and Christian Beelzebub — concepts of evil. The Video Forum, Details 249532.

8.15 p.m. — Duplicate Bridge, Diplomat Hotel.

8.30 p.m. — Joe Cocker, Binyanei Ha'uma.

8.30 p.m. — The Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Jerusalem Theatre.

8.30 p.m. — The State of Israel, Handwork of the Divine Lecture series for young women, Israel Centre, 10 Rehov Straus.

8.30 p.m. — Live Jazz, Noah's Ark.

9.30 p.m. — Jazz, Pargod Theatre.

9.30 p.m. — Film *American Pop*, Cinematheque.

SATURDAY, JULY 2

11.00 a.m. — Meeting WIZO House, 47 Hahatuz Street, Beit Hakerem.

11.00 a.m. — Music recital, Tzavta, 38 King George Street.

11.30 a.m. — *The Path Behind the Shadow*, Hebrew performance for children, Train Theatre, Liberty Bell Park.

7.30 p.m. — Film *American Graffiti*, Cinematheque.

8.00 p.m. — Folklore Festival, Goldberg Sports Centre, Stern Street, Kiryat Hayovel.

8.15 p.m. — Hebrew Union College Academic Convocation, Jerusalem Hilton.

8.30 p.m. — Trio Los Paraguays, Yehuda Bistrot, Laromme Hotel.

8.30 p.m. — King David's Melave Malka, Diaspora Yeshiva, Mt. Zion.

8.30 p.m. — Folk dancing, Liberty Bell Gardens.

9.00 p.m. — Israeli Folklore, ICCY, 12a Emek Refaim Street.

9.00 p.m. — Dance, Dan's Singles Club, 56 Sderot Herzl.

9.00 p.m. — Jerusalem Proms, Jerusalem Theatre.

9.00 p.m. — Effie Netzer and The Parvarim, Behar Centre.

9.00 p.m. — *Apples of Gold*, documentary film, Laromme Hotel.

9.00 p.m. — Jazz Trio, Tzavta, 38 King George Street.

9.00 p.m. — Live entertainment with Ilan Ben Shachar, Oranin Club, Binyanei Ha'uma.

9.30 p.m. — Film *The Man Who Fell to Earth*, Cinematheque.

10.00 p.m. — Discotheque, Khan Club.

MONDAY, JULY 4

8.30 a.m. — Handicrafts, Frankforter Centre for the Aged, 80 Bethlehem Road.

9.00 a.m. — Ceramics, Frankforter Centre for the Aged.

11.00 a.m. — Hebrew classes, Frankforter Centre for the Aged.

2.00 p.m. — Special screening George Segal, Israel Museum.

TUESDAY, JULY 5

8.00 a.m. — Off the beaten track walk through the Old City. Meet Society for the Protection of Nature, courtyard Ministry of Agriculture, 13 Helene HaMalka Street.

8.30 a.m. — Handicrafts, Frankforter Centre for the Aged.

9.00 a.m. (Till July 14) 4th International Conference Rabbinical Council of America/Bar Ilan Yeshiva University, Laromme Hotel.

10.30 a.m. — Israel Council of Young Israel, class by Rabbi Bernard L. Berzon on the Mishna Torah of the Rambam, Yeshurun Library Building, 28 Rehov Shmuel Hahisig.

WEDNESDAY, JULY 6

8.30 a.m. — Handicrafts, Frankforter Centre for the Aged.

8.30 a.m. — Half-day tour of Jerusalem sponsored by Mesorati Movement and Tour Ve'Aleh. Registration 631303, 667404.

10.00 a.m. — Gymnastics, Frankforter Centre for the Aged.

1.00 p.m. — Rotary Club, YMCA, King David Street.

3.30 p.m. — Art Classes, Frankforter Centre for the Aged.

4.30 p.m. — Children's Concert, Israel Museum.

4.30 p.m. — Veteran's meeting, Beit WIZO, 1 Rehov Mapu.

4.30 p.m. — *Goldilocks and the Three Bears* (Hebrew), Behar Centre.

THURSDAY, JULY 7

8.00 a.m. — Bible Studies, Frankforter Centre for the Aged.

8.00 a.m. — Tour of water reservoirs and sites in Jewish Quarter. Society for the Protection of Nature, 13 Helene HaMalka Street.

7.30 p.m. — Summer party, members only, Cinematheque.

8.00 p.m. — Jazz, classical and flamenco guitar, Zorba the Buddha, 9 Rehov Yoel Solomon.

8.00 p.m. — Debate on women in Syria, Jordan and Egypt, the Woman's Voice, 4 Rehov Hahistadru.

8.00 p.m. — Alcoholics Anonymous, Alcoholics Rehabilitation Centre, 24 Rehov Hapalmah.

8.00 p.m. — Music for a While, The David Trio, Redeemer's Church, Old City.

8.00 p.m. — Jewish Philosophy as a Pattern of Life, Prof. Simon Greenberg, Centre for Conservative Judaism, 24 Rehov Agon.

8.30 p.m. — Flamenco and classic guitar, Liberty Bell Gardens.

8.30 p.m. — Folk dancing, Louise Waterman Wise Youth Hostel, Bayit Vegan 423366.

8.30 p.m. — Folk dancing, YMHA, 105 Herzog Street.

8.30 p.m. — *Dance Free* — improvisations to music, Tel Or, 1 Rehov Hahistadru.

8.30 p.m. — Jerusalem Symphony Orchestra, Jerusalem Theatre.

9.00 p.m. — Jewish and Arab folklore, YMCA, King David Street.

9.00 p.m. — *Pinkie Aot Plus* with Phil Chernofsky, Israel Centre.

9.00 p.m. — Nostalgic Jazz with the Fred Weigall Trio, American Colony Hotel.

9.00 p.m. — Judaism and Israel, questions and answers, Israel Centre.

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Sarid assailant jailed

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A man who attacked MK Yossi Sarid in a Jerusalem restaurant five months ago was sentenced to three months in jail this week. Another man, a resident of Kiryat Arba, was given a five-month suspended sentence for spitting in the face of Jerusalem Mayor Teddy Kollek.

Sarid's attacker, Shimon Azulai, a former resident of Ofra in the Sinai, approached the dovish Labour Party member while the MK and some friends were sitting in the restaurant. Azulai threatened Sarid, saying that if the MK "were a man" he'd step outside with him. When Sarid refused, Azulai spat in his face and threatened him physically. The police were called and Azulai was arrested.

Despite Sarid's personal forgiveness of Azulai, said District Court Judge Shalom Brenner when handing down the sentence, "anyone who spits at an MK is spitting at the entire Knesset ... and if that person is not duly punished, it is a threat to our entire democracy."

Azulai was given a nine-month sentence, with six months suspended. His lawyers say he'll appeal to the Supreme Court.

In a related court session, 47-year-old Hanoach Muglavski of Kiryat Arba told police at the time — and the court last week — that a "blessing from God" ordered him to "act against the mayor, who was demonstrating against the Jewish people and the people's religion."

The incident occurred when Kollek was speaking with journalists immediately after a downtown Jerusalem demonstration two months ago to protest against ultra-Orthodox violence against secular Jews.

The court convicted Muglavski on the charge of attacking a public servant, but cleared him of the charge of resisting arrest.

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'According to sources at the Rabbinate, four out of every five divorces contain complaints of physical abuse of the wife...'

THEY WEREN'T talking in general platitudes about our violent society this time. The subject was clearly violence against women. MK Tamar Eshel made this plain as she recalled that when she wanted to introduce this subject into the Knesset's agenda in 1979, her party colleagues tried to dissuade her, saying, "Really, Tamar, it doesn't become you." Eshel insisted, and then noticed that someone had changed the title on the agenda to read "Violence in Israel." She changed it back.

Even then, Eshel was still in a better position than former MK Marsha Friedman — who first introduced the subject to the Knesset in 1976 — had been. Few of us will forget how the Knesset members burst into laughter and literally drowned out her speech with their wise-cracking.

But at the symposium on battered women held at the Van Leer Institute last Sunday, there were no wise-cracks: violence against women is no longer a joking matter. Dr. Nitza Shapira-Libai, adviser to the prime minister on the status of women, chairing the event on behalf of the Prime Minister's Office (which hosted it), said that violence against women — particularly the battering of wives — is the least reported crime in Israel.

Based on her estimates, the number of women who are regularly abused in this country, is in the tens of thousands. Shapira-Libai called on women to raise their voices in protest, and to stop participating in the conspiracy of silence that surrounds the issue.

And such a conspiracy of silence does indeed exist, according to Ruth Resnick, pioneer of the country's network of shelters for battered women, and head of the Herzliya shelter and the national organization called "Lo" which is dedicated to the protection of women.

Speaking at the day-long symposium, Resnick said that her estimates put the number of abused women in Israel somewhere around 100,000.

"According to sources at the Rabbinate," she said, "four out of every five divorces contain complaints of physical abuse of the wife." Although she has repeatedly asked the police for statistics showing just what percentage of murders in Israel have a female victim, the police have not agreed to give her the information.

"Why?" asked Resnick. "Are they afraid to let us know what I can see from carefully clipping the newspapers? That the largest group of murdered persons are women and that most often, the husband is the murderer?"

She quoted prison officials and former prisoners as saying that wife-murderers are not seen as ordinary criminals, they are not seen as dangerous to society, and they get preferential treatment. Most of their wardens feel them to be men who were "provoked" into killing their wives or sweethearts.

Resnick, who raises funds to support the shelter she heads by speaking here and abroad, then explained why she had withdrawn her shelter from the support of the Ministry of Labour and Welfare. Not only had the ministry reneged on a promise made almost two years ago to fund the country's shelters entirely, but

the pittance it offered, she said, wasn't even worth accepting.

The Ministry of Labour and Welfare has not given adequate support to the three shelters that already exist in Herzliya, Haifa and Jerusalem, said Resnick. She later told *The Jerusalem Post* that the much-needed shelter in Beersheba will not be built because the mayor of the city refuses to allow it. Instead, she said, Na'amat, the national women's organization, will open a shelter in Ashdod which will serve women from Beersheba as well.

Although Josefa Steiner, director of the Services to women and girls at the Welfare Ministry spoke of the need to try and solve the totality of the problem (rather than concentrating on shelters, which are seen by the ministry as "auxiliary tools"), it was difficult for anyone present at the symposium to believe that at the present time the government is putting violence against women high on its list of priorities.

"Not," said Resnick, "when they can't come up with an offer of more than IS900,000 per year for the Herzliya shelter, which serves the largest segment of the population — a good many of whom are already welfare clients to begin with."

Not that there aren't people close to the top who take it seriously. Mattaiahu Shmulevitz, director-general of the Prime Minister's Office, called violence against women "one of the greatest and perhaps most dangerous threats to our society," and said that a "culture can be assessed by the status of women within its society."

MK Tamar Eshel discussed the proposal of a new law for the protection of women that she is leading through the legislative, adding that the law will provide an answer to some of the worst distortions of justice which prevail at present.

The law would provide that the police are obliged to open a file when a complaint of abuse is lodged. Until now this had been a matter of police discretion, and more often than not, women are told to "go home and make up and stop provoking your husband."

The police, said Eshel, often feel that the woman's complaint is not a matter of public interest and that to open a file would be "an invasion of family privacy."

If passed, the law not only would obligate the police to open a file, but it immediately makes it clear that a person who uses violence against another member of the family is, in the simplest terms, a criminal.

But, according to Resnick, while the law could help many women, there is an urgent need for changing the attitudes that allow the matter of violence against women to be kept under wraps. She said that the two groups who almost never get help are on the one hand, women whose husbands are associated with the underworld and whose code of family honour prohibits going to the police for any reason and, on the other hand, the large number of middle-class women in Israel who are abused regularly and are too ashamed to admit it — not even to a close friend.

These women, said Resnick, are the ones who scream silently, afraid that someone will hear and know of their disgrace.

The rights of marriage

Jerusalem Post Reporter
A JERUSALEM law professor has just brought out a new book in which he contends that Jewish marriage law fails to take adequate account of human rights.

Zev Falk, Berman Professor of Family Law at the Hebrew University, says this disregard for human rights extends to sex discrimination, the rights of the child of an adulterous union, the status of a child born to a non-Jewish mother, and so on.

His new book, "The Law of Marriage" (*Dinei Nissuin*, published only in Hebrew so far), is one of a series. Falk has written about Jewish family law. He has also written and featured in real-life dramas on this subject on Israel TV.

Falk writes that Jewish law does not offer the wife a satisfactory solution to the right of divorce. Because of excessive formalism in the law, most of the time during litigation is spent arguing whether the civil court or the rabbinical court has the jurisdiction. The principle of *shalom bayit* (peace in the home), he says, has been turned into a euphemism for procedural steps to attain the opposite result, he writes.

The author told *The Post*: "The rabbinical establishment ignores my call for legislation. But several rabbinical luminaries have told me in private that something has to be done."

Today is edited by Joanna Yehiel



The silent scream

Violence against women, especially the battering of wives, is the least reported crime in Israel. The Post's D'VORA BEN SHAUL reports on a symposium on the subject (right), and hears a battered wife's story (below).

I saw her last a few weeks before her wedding, some seven years ago. Looking at the quiet, sad-eyed woman who sat opposite me in her parents' home last week, I could hardly recognize the laughing woman I had known.

Nira, 29, had left her husband's home a year ago because of his abuse of her body and mind. She agreed to tell me what she had experienced during six years of being a battered wife.

NIRA was born in Israel to Polish-Jewish parents, both survivors of the Holocaust. She was a much-loved and only child.

"My mother has a sharp tongue," she said, "but then, my father had a pretty wicked temper. He was never out of hand. I was never slapped or otherwise abused."

After graduating from high school, Nira served two years in the army, where she was trained as a communications technician. A year after she left the army, while working as an insurance clerk, she met and married Yossi, a manufacturer's agent. Yossi was the son of a Polish Jewish father who came to Israel in the early '40s, and a Moroccan-born Jewish mother who arrived in Israel in 1948.

"We had a nice wedding, despite the fact that my parents weren't too happy about the matter," Nira recalls. "We moved into a small flat. We had rented and I continued to work. I kept the house. Yossi was all right at first. We seemed to be happy enough."

But, she goes on, "When I got pregnant after three months, Yossi was furious. He said I had torpedoes all our plans to buy a flat and that I was 'trying to destroy him.' You would have thought I got pregnant all by myself."

Nira, who is now studying computer programming, sips her tea. "When I was in my second month, I came home one day very tired, lay down and fell asleep. I

forgot to go buy bread and milk from the corner grocery. Yossi came home, tired too, and when he saw that I hadn't shopped or made dinner he was furious.

"He started to yell at me and told me to go to the shop at once, before it closed. I sat on the side of the bed and said I was too tired, that maybe he would go himself. Then he hit me."

She sighed, remembering the scene. "I just couldn't believe it was happening — not even when he hit me several times and my nose started to bleed. That's the thing that's so hard to understand," Nira said. "You can't believe it when it's happening and later you can't believe it really happened."

'He began to beat me and then hit me in the stomach with all his force. About an hour later I started to bleed...' — Nira lost the baby that night.

From then on, all through her first pregnancy, Yossi hit Nira with increasing frequency. He hit her when she forgot to do something he had told her to do, and he hit her when she dared to argue with him. Sometimes he hit her when they had been out together, accusing her of having looked at another man.

"I just didn't know what to do," she said. "I couldn't tell anyone. I was so ashamed. And then, whenever we 'made up,' Yossi would tell me that if I could only learn to be a proper wife, then he wouldn't hit me..."

At times, she added, she even began to believe that it was all her fault. She didn't dare go to her parents. Nira's father has a bad heart and she was afraid of what it would do to him.

After their daughter was born, Nira went back to work, but the

abuse got worse. Now he also slapped her if the baby cried, and said she wasn't a decent mother. At last, Nira decided to talk to Yossi's mother, with whom she had a very good relationship.

"It was the biggest shock of my life. She looked at me and sighed, and said, 'I guess he's just like his father. He's been beating me for thirty years.'"

It was her tiny, Moroccan-born mother-in-law who first gave Nira a new way of looking at things.

"Times have changed," she told Nira, "and you have an education. I am almost illiterate and have eight children. You don't have to put up with this."

Nira, at this point, pregnant for

herself pregnant for the third time when her son was only two months old.

But now, Yossi had gotten into the habit of hitting her, and he started slapping our little daughter. She was only four at the time and he would slap her so hard that she would get blue bruises. The kindergarten teacher even came to me to ask about it."

When she was three months pregnant, Nira was near total mental collapse.

"I couldn't concentrate. I was terrified every moment he was around. He would get mad at almost anything. He said I kept a pig sty instead of a house, but I was working full-time and had two children. He

never helped with anything. But still, I didn't want to leave him. I didn't want my parents to know. And I was so ashamed."

Things came to a head soon, however. One evening, Yossi got angry because Nira had not gotten home on time to meet the TV technician who was coming to repair their set.

"He started to abuse me and I told him I was going to leave him," she said. "He began to beat me and then he hit me in the stomach with all his force. Yossi is a big man and I collapsed. About an hour later I started to bleed. I called a neighbour to watch the children, took a taxi and went to the hospital."

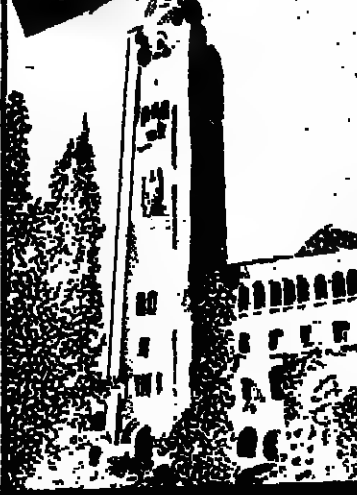
Nira lost the baby that night. "While I was in the hospital, I realized that I could never go back to him. When I got home I took the

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Neuf Yehudit, immediate, 4, 1st floor, heating, American kitchen, 10,500, 03-809451.

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2 rooms, Talbach, Old Katamon, Ramot, Kiryat Yovel, Carmel, 222580.

Shera Hama, 2 + balconies, 1st floor; Vitshak Sade, 2, well arranged, 28,000. Tel. 02-231317.

Kiryat Yovel, 2, 33,000, 02-637670.

Kiryat Monch, 2 + hall, 70sqm, 45 floor, 50,000, Mamecan Yoni, 232581, Maldan.

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City centre, selection of flats, 2/3, 50sqm, 33,000, Yachia, 02-637670.

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Bayit Vegan, 2, spacious, ground floor, lovely garden, Ramban Realty, 690728.

Beit Hakerem, 3 + hall, ground floor, 55,000, 02-637670, must be sold. Ke Li, 249572, 244008, Maldan.

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Kiryat Shmuel, Hani, 2 + hall, balconies, 4th floor, spacious, 63,000.

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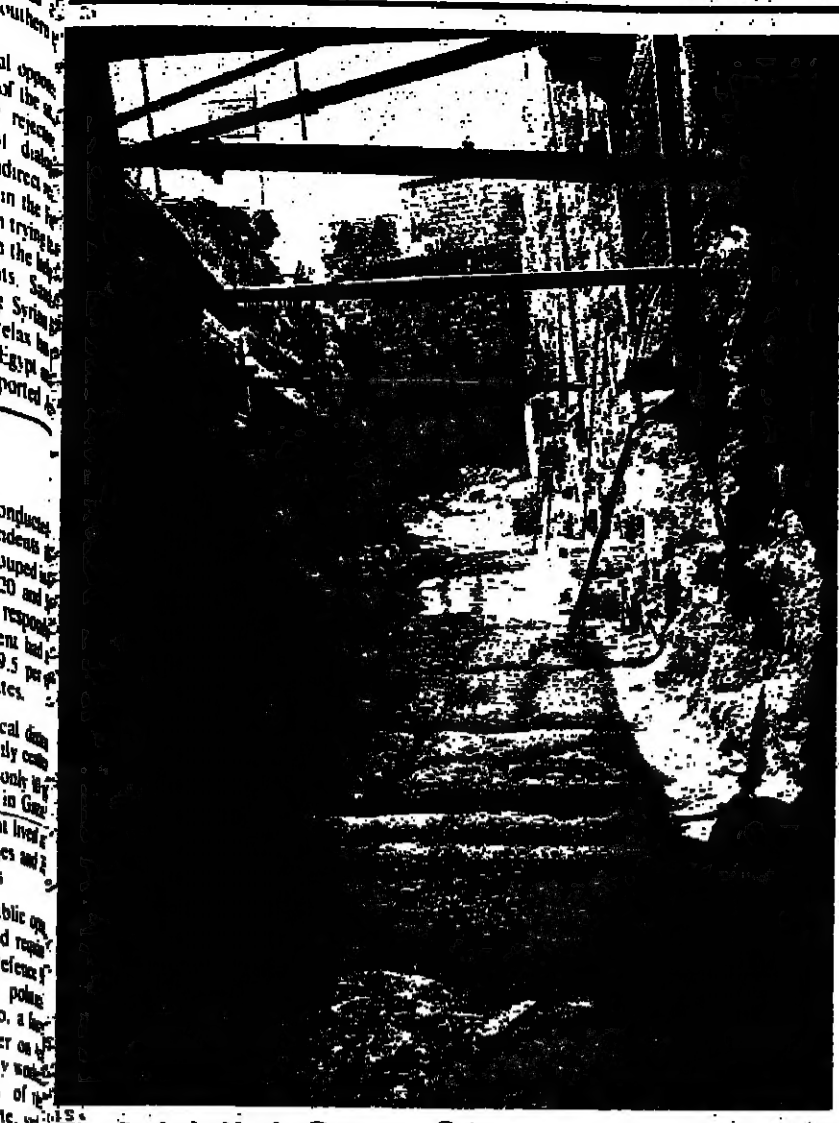
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Pat, special, 3 1/2, heating, lift, view, improvements, 02-40330.
Zeev Hahach, 3 1/2, closed balcony, 33, 22380, 02-4096, evening.
Uvengor, 3 1/2, floor, well-lit, view, 32,000, City Realty, 23193, 24056, Malden.
Burgin, Bustanai, 3, well-arranged, quiet, heating, solar heater, 02-234050.
Alit Shimon, 3, dinette, cupboards, ground floor, well-arranged, Gal Hed, 22068, 22064.
Harlap, 3 1/2, floor, sun-drenched, must sell, 75,000, Zimki, 02-221451, 4, Malden.
Bank Tel Aviv, 3, Zimki realty in the general public to Plaza Hotel on Sunday 3.7.83 between 20.00-23.00 for coffee and cake. The meeting will include details on p. 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10, 11, 12, 13, 14, 15, 16, 17, 18, 19, 20, 21, 22, 23, 24, 25, 26, 27, 28, 29, 30, 31, 32, 33, 34, 35, 36, 37, 38, 39, 40, 41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 46, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, 52, 53, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 59, 60, 61, 62, 63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 77, 78, 79, 80, 81, 82, 83, 84, 85, 86, 87, 88, 89, 90, 91, 92, 93, 94, 95, 96, 97, 98, 99, 100, 101, 102, 103, 104, 105, 106, 107, 108, 109, 110, 111, 112, 113, 114, 115, 116, 117, 118, 119, 120, 121, 122, 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, 130, 131, 132, 133, 134, 135, 136, 137, 138, 139, 140, 141, 142, 143, 144, 145, 146, 147, 148, 149, 150, 151, 152, 153, 154, 155, 156, 157, 158, 159, 160, 161, 162, 163, 164, 165, 166, 167, 168, 169, 170, 171, 172, 173, 174, 175, 176, 177, 178, 179, 180, 181, 182, 183, 184, 185, 186, 187, 188, 189, 190, 191, 192, 193, 194, 195, 196, 197, 198, 199, 200, 201, 202, 203, 204, 205, 206, 207, 208, 209, 210, 211, 212, 213, 214, 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The Cardo inside the Damascus Gate. (Mike Goldberg)

THE NEWEST entranceway to Jerusalem's Old City will also be the oldest — a Roman passage 1,800 years old.

Breaking through a three-and-a-half-m.-thick wall inside the unused Roman gate below Damascus Gate, workers of the East Jerusalem Development Corporation (EJDC) have in recent days linked up to a 30-m.-long stretch of the Roman Cardo, the main street of Jerusalem, in the Second Century C.E.

When development work is completed, sometime next year, visitors to the Old City will be able to use this now subterranean entrance to reach the shuk.

Unlike the Cardo exposed to view in the Jewish Quarter, directly south, which archaeologists have identified as Byzantine, the stretch inside Damascus Gate is part of the original Roman Cardo built about three centuries earlier: after Hadrian levelled Jerusalem and raised upon it Aelia Capitolina. It will thus be the oldest stretch of continuous paving incorporated into the Old City's street system. There are some

Entering the Roman way

By ABRAHAM RABINOVICH/Jerusalem Post Reporter

older paving stones on the Via Dolorosa, from the Second Temple period about a century earlier, which have been dug up in recent years and implanted in the present street surface. But these are small patches. A long stretch of street from the Second Temple period has also been exposed at the foot of the Temple Mount but this is part of an archaeological site.

THE ROMAN GATE, which had been hidden two m. below ground level, was exposed in 1937 by British archaeologist Sir Hamilton



The Roman gateway. (Mike Goldberg)

of the Roman Cardo. Now, after considerable engineering calculations, that wall has been breached, and the Cardo beyond has been partially exposed — not in a straight line through the gate but in a dog-leg bending right, then left, emerging beneath the western side of the plaza inside Damascus Gate.

Although the Cardo stretch is presently basking handsomely in sunlight, it will be covered by a roof to prevent garbage — or hand grenades — from being casually dropped into it from the plaza. The roof will not only be protective of those below but supportive of shops that will be built above, thus broadening the plaza's dimensions.

It had initially been intended to relocate the shops presently located in the gateway itself in this new shopping strip. However, planner Peter Bugod, who is designing the area, with Eunice Figueredo, says this is no longer certain. The moneychangers will probably go on sitting in the gate but their thoughts might soon begin drifting towards opening an underground branch

READERS' LETTERS

IS JORDAN PALESTINE?

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — Bernard Wasserstein has rendered us all a great service with his "Is Jordan really Palestine?" (June 17). His answer is a scholarly clear and resounding no.

His conclusion, that "the current mobilization of this myth (that Transjordan was partitioned out of mandatory Palestine) for political ends may be one minor obstacle in the way of the Israeli-Jordanian agreement," is not strong enough.

What is wrong with this myth is not only that it is bad history, but that the notion that a Palestinian solution which leaves the entire West Bank and Gaza strip areas in Israeli hands is practical or desirable. It is neither.

DAVID TWERSKY
Kibbutz Gezer.

Sir, — Allow me to take issue, on elementary historical-geographical grounds, with the thesis put forward by Professor Bernard Wasserstein in his article, "Is Jordan really Palestine?"

With all due respect, I submit that the learned professor has missed the point. What was Palestine in that period of history must be determined not by the wheeling and dealing of the colonialist powers of the day but, rather, by what was generally considered to be Palestine — irrespective of the precise limits of this or that power's sphere of influence.

The eleventh edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica, published in 1910-11 (before the subject became a political football), defines Palestine as "the strip of land extending along the eastern shore of the Mediterranean Sea... Eastward there is no such definite border. The River Jordan, it is true, marks a line of delimitation between western and eastern Palestine; but it is practically impossible to say where the latter ends and the Arabian desert begins." This definition is reflected in the map which accompanies the article.

Palestine, in other words, was then understood to cover an area both east and west of the Jordan River. That, it is what counts — and not who, precisely, controlled the area between 1919 and 1921.

MOSHE AUMANN
Jerusalem.

Sir, — Professor Bernard Wasserstein argues against "a popular myth... that Jordan is Palestine... based on the idea of a so-called 'partition' of Palestine in 1921-22."

The Peel Commission Report (1937) states, on page 38: "The field in which the Jewish National Home was to be established was understood at the time of the Balfour Declaration to be the whole of historic Palestine, and the Zionists were seriously disappointed when Transjordan was cut away from the field..." (my italics).

DAVID FREEMAN
Haifa.

BICYCLING IN ISRAEL

reason to opt for the bicycle as a mode of transport. We heartily endorse Dr. Irving Kett's sentiments (June 2).

My husband wears a helmet at all times, and this precaution was vindicated one rainy day when an orange thrown from a bus window landed on his head, with no ill effects.

However, most bicyclists on the road today do need to undergo an intensive education programme, as they career all over the streets, without helmets, lights or regard to their own safety, and that of other travellers.

LINDA BARRON
Kfar Sava.

THE MAMILLA PLAN

they could not refuse. The subtle social fabric built up over decades was torn: mutual help and family groupings were destroyed. These are irreparable losses, which cannot be made good by social engineering.

This is our own Yami of Tel Aviv Central Bus Station. In the end it will have to be paid for by our taxes and rates.

ARCHITECT
(Name and address supplied)
Jerusalem.

BREAST CANCER

To the Editor of The Jerusalem Post: Sir, — We would like to answer Mrs. Shirley Benjamin's query as to why she was not visited in the hospital by a volunteer from the Israel Cancer Association's Reach to Recovery rehabilitation programme following her lumpectomy (as reported in an interview with her by your reporter D'vora Ben-Shaul in Today of June 17).

Reach to Recovery works in conjunction with the hospital surgical departments who supply us with names of women who have undergone mastectomies. Since, for this purpose, they do not record women who have undergone lumpectomies — still a very small percentage of all women undergoing breast surgery — Mrs. Benjamin's name was not given to us.

In addition to visits in the hospital and home-visits following the hospital stay, Reach to Recovery also runs monthly open house get-togethers at its offices in Tel Aviv where veteran volunteers meet with new mastectomees. Any woman who has undergone a lumpectomy and

TOXIC WASTES

course, the masterplan is completed and the necessary funds are allocated by the Ministry of Trade and Industry.

While the three ministries — Interior, Health, and Trade and Industry — are working together to find a solution to the problem, each serves a different function. The Ministries of Interior and Health play a professional supervisory role providing expert advice and guidelines; the Ministry of Trade and Industry must provide the necessary financial resources. The development of the Ramat Hovav site is not a question of profitability; it is a question of necessity. It is "ridiculous to spend millions of dollars to construct a site for the treatment of worthless wastes." It is ridiculous and dangerous not to do so.

The safe disposal of toxic waste must be recognized for what it is — an integral part of the industrial processes accompanying the chemical industry. As such, an investment in a site for the disposal of toxic waste in an integral and inseparable part of the total investment of the Ministry of Trade and Industry in the chemical industry in Israel. It is our duty to invest both professional and monetary resources now, if we are to avoid the problems of a Love Canal or a Seveco in Israel in the future.

DR. URI MARINOV,
Director,
Environmental Protection Service,
Ministry of the Interior
Jerusalem.

RELIGIOUS SERVICES

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Haifa Synagogue (Progressive), 16 Shomel Hapard, Tel. 223431. Friday 6.00 p.m. Shabbat morning 9.30 a.m. Rabbi Tovia Ben-Haim.

TEL AVIV
Great Synagogue, Tel Aviv, 110 Allenby Rd. Service conducted by Cantor Yehozkiel Braun, Rambam Shul by Synagogue President, Avraham Hazzoni, before Kabbalat Shabbat. Mincha 6.50. Shabbat 8.00. Air-conditioned hall.

YERUSHALAYIM JERUSALEM CENTRAL-SYNAGOGUE, Friday, Mincha 6.30 p.m. Shabbat, Shabbat 8.00 a.m. Mincha 12.45, 6.05 p.m. Ma'ariv 7.25 p.m. Blessing of the month. Hazan Asher Haimovitz.

JERUSALEM GREAT SYNAGOGUE, Friday, Mincha 6.35 p.m. Shabbat, Shabbat 8.00 a.m. Mincha 6.30 p.m. Ma'ariv 7.25 p.m. Cantor Naphthal Herzberg and the Jerusalem Great Synagogue Choir, under the direction of Eli Jaffe.

WORLD COUNCIL OF SYNAGOGUES
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10 Coarse hominy
14 Emerald
18 Platter of sorts
19 Fleas fruit
20 Place for a frontal
21 Anagram for atom
22 Tall yucca
24 Ship's strong piece of timber
26 Quechuan Indian
27 English philosopher: 1832-1704
28 Detect
30 To hurl, in La Havre
31 Indian prince
32 Reiner or Bernstein
33 Wash
34 Portent
35 Certain spars
39 Some
41 Seed used as beads
43 "... a man — mouse?"
44 Grandson of Eve
45 Colored
47 Blackthorn fruit
48 Side dish
49 Apprehend
50 British bassinet
54 English potter
55 Fled out
57 Dressed, e.g.
58 Harmonized
59 "... Come Back to Me"
60 Flavor
61 Hispanic blonde bombshell
62 Perplex
64 Capital of Crete
65 Nightingale
66 Less polite
69 Rose of Sharon
71 Mrs., in Mexico
72 Swirl
73 Provocative love song
74 Lab heater
75 French copper
76 Tipton
77 The constellation Columba
81 Witch in "Fanny"
83 Car barn
84 Busy place
87 N.M. neighbor
88 — now (at this time)
89 Edible mushroom
92 Ornate
93 Dickens protagonist
94 Bunker's pet
96 "Mother —"
97 Crap jasmine

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1 Modifying word: Abbr.
2 "... Rita"
3 Tee
4 Predecessor
5 Gains
6 Modern frontier
6 Turkic language
7 Spring mod.
8 Inventor of the monogram
9 Young female sheep
10 Quench
11 "Ma, He's Making Eyes"
12 Postgrad degrees
13 Slip out of place: Med.
14 African antelope
15 Pollution factor
16 Attack verbally
17 Major follower
20 Rise
22 — den Linden
25 Standard
26 Waller fillers
28 Plant of the phlox family
31 Crucifixes
32 Painter of "Une Matinée..."
33 Veranda
35 Former German coin
36 Black calla
37 Swap
38 Fiddled furiously
39 Remain unsettled
40 Colliery tool
41 Deride
42 Sandy ridge
46 Gas-company customer
48 Scowp
50 Man with a van
51 Relative of bingo
52 Poplar
53 Porticoes
54 Ceramic fragment
56 Small flock of quail
58 "...
59 Symphony (Bachoven's Ninth)
60 Mother of Isaac
61 Family group
62 — Dane
63 "Barnaby
64 Plot
65 Lavish party
66 One of Plato's dialogues
67 Every's companion
68 "E.N.T."
69 Slant
73 Furnish explanatory comment
75 Bloomed
76 Jostled
79 Extreme
80 West to east
82 Sacred pictures
84 Burrowing rodent
85 Egyptian goddess
86 Fathers and sons
89 "God shall thee": Acts 23:3
91 Secrets
92 Computer fodder
93 Aroma
94 Indian prince
95 Rotate
96 Face shape
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100 "Butterflies — Free," 1969 play
101 Pay dirt
102 Black gold
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Both the Toy Fund and the Forsake Me Not campaign were given a tremendous boost by the Israel Bowling Association, which for the second successive year raised handsome sums for the benefit of the young and the old. Money earned by its charity-day tournament was equally divided between the two *Post* funds, and the Soldiers Welfare Association, each of which received \$30,000. Altogether, the Toy Fund increased by \$77,817. Total contribution to the campaign amount to \$1,482,247.89.

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\$5,000 Israel Bowling Association, Ramat Gan.
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Boost from bowlers

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On the local scene, Bridge Party Twelve in Jerusalem continues to share its fortunes with Forsake Me Not, making its 10th donation in less than a year.

During the past week, funds were made available for the purchase of furniture, stoves and refrigerators for 18 old-age clubs around the country. All these allocations were made in consultation with the Ministry for Social Affairs, whose field workers examined each project for which applications were made.

Together with new contributions of \$107,364.70, Forsake Me Not now stands at \$52,151,214.89.

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Bitter and sweet almonds

TORA AND FLORA/Louis I. Rabinowitz

Portion of the Week: *Pinchas*, Numbers 25.10-30.1
Haftarah: Jeremiah 1.1-2.3

The verse discussed is Jeremiah 1.11

THE HAFTARAH of this Sabbath, the first of the Three Weeks of Mourning from Tamuz 17th to the Ninth of Av, includes the vision by the prophet Jeremiah of the *shaked*, the almond tree, so called because the root means "to hasten" and the almond, the first tree to blossom after winter, is the herald of spring.

My column dealt with this subject with regard to the New Year for Trees three years ago, and it occasioned a letter from New York, from Mrs. Charles Bendheim, wife of the well-known philanthropist and benefactor of Sha'arei Zedek Hospital. It stated that the subject of bitter almonds had been the

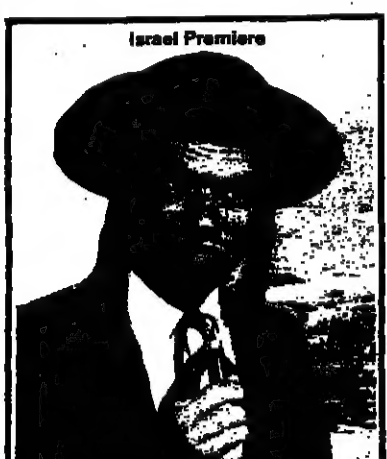
theme of the bar mitzva address given by her son. Why? Because her grandfather, Rabbi Eliezer Lipmann, Prinz of Amsterdam, dealt with the subject of bitter almonds in his notes on the Talmud which are printed in the Vilna edition. She enclosed a Xerox copy of the relevant passage.

The Mishnah in *Hullin* 1.6 lays down that "When bitter almonds are subject to tithes sweet almonds are not," and vice versa. The Talmud (25b) explains that when they are unripe and still green bitter almonds are liable to be tithed, while sweet ones are exempt. For sweet almonds, the opposite holds true. Rashi gives the reason that the bitter almond, generally inedible because of its bitterness, is edible when green and unripe and is eaten whole with the shell. The Tosafot, however, give a different explanation.

The passage is repeated in Tractate *Erubin* 28b, but whereas there the Tosafist repeats the explanation given in the previous passage, Rashi does not do so, and the learned rabbi suggests why Rashi is silent in this case.

The root *shaked*, in addition to the meaning "to hasten" given in the context, also means "to be alert or diligent" as, for instance in Proverbs 8.34 and it is given this meaning in Talmudic Hebrew, especially with regard to the study of Torah (cf. *Abot* 2.19: "R. Elazar said: 'Be *shaked* to study the Torah').

In both talmudic passages dealing with the tithing of bitter almonds one of the sons of R. Jose handed down the opinion of his father. In the case of this bar mitzva, the boy's speech was based on the Tora of his great-grandfather.



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Cryptic

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ACROSS

- One night, in Scotland, made a fuss of this writer (6, 5)
- Isn't green any more, having taken the cure! (5)
- Mean to live by doing this (8)
- Big-head lost a lock put round a cat (7)
- The pleasure of the French is not to be taken seriously! (7)
- After hunting wild beasts, flee to rest here (5)
- Knowing what you want in such a state! (8)
- In such battle order? Certainly not (4, 5)
- Wild life really held inside (5)
- On account like this, get back payments (7)
- Played, and got 99, then 100 in game using horses (7)
- Making a plan for stopping the car (7, 2)
- 9-1 on the old Greek sufferer on the wheel! (5)
- Stamps on our fingers (6, 5)

DOWN

- Look at someone in a familiar way? (8)
- Where we see slogans for CND, perhaps! (7)
- Taking a strong line in reply to the enemy's advances (9)
- Unrivalled TV he made, we hear (5)
- Rose Walker? (7)
- Injured arm in this throw (5)
- Grounds for an engagement? (11)
- Wish one was fit to send such a card (5, 4, 4)
- Headed for the most prestigious letters (9)
- Taken to get people up, or put them to sleep! (8)
- Using a sword to protect your land? (7)
- It's not true literature (7)
- Could be conference on trees! (5)
- Might be gold standard adopted by the Romans (5)

Quickie

ACROSS

- London landmark (5, 6)
- Quantities of paper (5)
- Successful university students (8)
- Replies (7)
- Italian port (7)
- To ornament (5)
- They form showers and storms (9)
- A decimal measure (9)
- Secret store (5)
- Tearing (7)
- Large, man-like beast (7)
- Important New York airport (2, 7)
- Type of antelope (5)
- Agree with another on something (3, 3, 2, 5)

DOWN

- Poisonous fungoid growth (9)
- Type of drama from America (7)
- Hospital official (9)
- Ways (5)
- Increased twofold (7)
- Go in (5)
- High-ranking sailor (4, 7)
- Union official (4, 7)

Yesterday's Solutions

FINANCIAL

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Shares suffer end-of-month blues

EL AVIV. — After two consecutive sessions of rising prices the market moved lower yesterday.

When June began there were hopes that it would bring along with it a major rally. But every time the market rose the "bears" came out and forced prices to lower levels.

The purchase of 26% of the shares of the First International Bank by Discount from FIBI Holdings also appeared to hold the market back. FIBI moved marginally and the price of the shares rose by a modest 3.6%.

The only expectation which was fulfilled in June was the continuous rise in the value of the Israeli Lira. Yesterday's devaluation of the shekel brought the monthly rate of devaluation to 6.5%.

In yesterday's market place all sectors of trading, commercial and mortgage banks excepted, came under selling pressures. The General Index, not including commercial bank issues, was down by 85%. Land development, real estate, and investment company shares were down by about 2.5%.

There were some big losses. 65 securities moved down by margins more than 5%. Only 29 others were able to rise by a similar percentage.

There were 11 "sellers only" and the price was automatically lowered 5% without any trading taking place. Only one issue was registered as "buyers only". Trading turnover was the highest of the week, exceeding IS1.0 billion.

Edge of the month buying of debt-linked bonds with the approval of government approved savings schemes, resulted in a very large turnover of more than \$530 million with an attendant increase of up to 2%.

There were few surprises in the

Tel Aviv Stock Exchange

By JOSEPH MORGENSTERN

commercial bank group. Investor interest centered on the shares of the First International Bank, but their price remained unchanged on a turnover of more than IS10m. The Maritime Bank of Israel 0.1 shares stabilized and traded unchanged. Mortgage bank issues were narrow-

ly lower as Adamas was the only major loser, with a fall of 9.4%.

Specialized financial institution shares moved lower but the Industrial Development Bank shares returned to winning ways and rose by 10%. Insurance equities also fell, led by Hasehah(R) which recorded a 10% drop.

The usually volatile service and trade sector was relatively stable as prices eased. Gali Zohar however, suffered a 10% loss. The big winner was Crystal whose shares raced ahead by nearly 15%.

Land Development, real estate, and citrus plantation shares reflected easier prices. Anonim, a recent newcomer, moved against the trend and added 4.2%.

Anonim option was nearly 13% higher.

Industrials had a sloppy session. Elbit and Elron were both down by about 3.5%. Elron yesterday reported sharply higher earnings, mostly attributable to its holdings in Elbit.

Vitalgo 1.0 was down by 6.7%. The Vitalgo 5.0 shares were the object of a strong recommendation by one of the country's major banks but investors turned sellers.

Volatile Lodzia 0.1 was a 5% winner but equally volatile Yash saw its shares fall by 10%.

Cyclone Aviation shares both wound up on the "sellers only" list. The company recently reported sharply higher earnings and its managing director was voted one of the top industrialists of the year.

Investment company issues were among the major losers yesterday. The CLAL group, which enjoyed a strong runup after the announcement of CLAL Israel's takeover of the Israel Corporation, saw its shares hit by profit-taking. CLAL Israel 10.0 shares were down by 6.7%, while the 5.0 shares were 5.7% lower. Piryon, which has a major stake in the Israel Corporation, was down by 5%.

Hotel Association bemoans kashrut mess

Jerusalem Post Reporter

TEL AVIV. — Many hotels that are kosher according to all the rules and regulations do not receive kashrut permits due to quarrels among different religious authorities, Israel Hotel Association director Moshe Amir said yesterday.

In many cases, Amir noted, even hotels that have been pronounced kosher by the local religious council, or by the rabbi supervising them for the council are refused kashrut permits as a result of intrigues among the religious authorities.

This has become a major point of controversy over the draft law, which is sponsored by the National Religious Party. The NRP wants the rabbinate to have full authority to decide which establishments are kosher according to Halacha. The Alignment wants the law to define kashrut as referring to the food, kitchen and dining room only.

Bank of Israel exchange rates

	June 30, 1983	IS
U.S. dollar	47.5202	
British sterling	18.6903	
German mark	6.2187	
French franc	16.6708	
Dutch guilder	22.5854	
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Half-way measures

THERE ARE still people around who contend that the Syrians might be amenable to the idea of withdrawing their (and PLO) troops from Lebanon alongside an Israeli pullout under the terms of the Israeli-Lebanese accord. One of these is Henry Kissinger, the former U.S. Secretary of State, who is now on a visit to this country. The one-time architect of partial Middle East settlements suggests discussing with the Syrians the possibility of mutual partial withdrawals.

Dr. Kissinger's hypothesis rests on a flimsy basis of evidence. True, earlier in the week the Syrians invited former Lebanese premier Saeb Salam for an official visit to Damascus, and this was at once interpreted as signalling Syrian readiness to consider withdrawal. Also this week Syrian Defence Minister Mustapha Tlass was quoted by *Stern* magazine as saying that Syria would indeed pull out if Israel first withdrew its forces.

But the Syrian minister made it clear that Israel would have to leave Lebanon "without gaining any advantages." That, as Syrian President Hafez Assad underlined, again this week, means scrapping the accord with Lebanon. The reason, he said, was that the IDF could deploy under the accord a distance of 20 kms. from Damascus.

It is easy to dismiss the argument as balderdash, for Israel poses a much graver threat to Syrian security along the present lines of deployment. But this appears to be Syria's settled position, and there is little chance that it could be altered by diplomatic persuasion. Moreover, Syria has no more cause to agree to a mutual phased withdrawal, since this would still leave the Israel-Lebanese accord intact.

That is why the working assumption in Washington as well as in Jerusalem now is that the Syrians cannot be nudged out of Lebanon, except by force. But force is no longer a practical alternative. Last June Israel was prepared to run the risk of a military encounter with the Syrians as part of an offensive against the PLO. Today, for both domestic and international reasons, it has renounced the war option except in genuine self-defence.

Since the Syrians have no incentive to pull out alongside Israel, Israel is bound to consider unilateral phased withdrawal. The idea has occasioned some difference of opinion with Washington, which claims that Israel has undertaken to coordinate its moves with its partners, the U.S. and Lebanon. Israel denies this, insisting that its duty is confined to consultation.

In practical terms, the difference is over the timing of any Israeli move. Thus the U.S. wants Israel to refrain from evacuating the Shouf until some other armed force, preferably Lebanese, could assume the function of policing the area, and thus block a possible Syrian entry into it. This means waiting until some time in the fall, and certainly until after Premier Begin's consultation with President Reagan later this month.

The Lebanese have raised another objection, too. Any Israeli move, they say, must be a step towards complete withdrawal to the international boundary, or it would be in violation of the Israel-Lebanese accord. Israel's reply would doubtless be that such complete withdrawal is only being prevented by Syrian recalcitrance. This is incontrovertibly true. But the prospect must nevertheless be faced that a withdrawal to the Zaharani, or even the Awali, would result in placing a large area of Lebanon under Israeli occupation for a period of perhaps years, without in the process preventing continued, if not stepped up, guerrilla attacks on Israeli troops.

This was certainly not the kind of outcome for which Israel launched the war in Lebanon over a year ago.

Delayed reaction

By DAVID BERNSTEIN

THE CONVULSIONS wracking the Palestine Liberation Organization are a clear sign that the PLO is finally emerging from the stupor it has been in since the devastating blow it received in Lebanon last summer.

It had been a year of near total paralysis as PLO chairman Yassar Arafat continued to pursue a political strategy that had been thoroughly discredited by the debacle in Lebanon.

Opponents to that strategy gradually came to feel their strength, however, and the organization is now in the throes of a violent debate that will determine its future.

It is too early to know exactly what that future will be. But the signs are that the PLO will become a far more radical and militant body.

Before the Israeli invasion of Lebanon, Arafat's word went almost unchallenged in the PLO. With his Fatah organization solidly behind him and the entire PLO directly under his control in Lebanon, Arafat was able to railroad through his diplomatic strategy despite the misgivings of the more radical groups committed to armed struggle against Israel.

What is more, that strategy was proving highly effective, with more and more countries, including many of Israel's traditional allies in the West, coming to question Israel's perception of the organization as a gang of murderers.

IT IS HIGHLY likely that it was a growing awareness of its deepening international isolation in the face of Arafat's diplomatic onslaught that prompted Israel to try to demolish the PLO last June.

If so, it would seem that Israel scored a remarkable victory. For by destroying Arafat's autonomous base in Southern Lebanon and leaving the bulk of the PLO under Syrian control, Israel has delivered the organization into the hands of those pro-Syrian radicals who all along had opposed Arafat's diplomatic strategy but felt powerless to do anything about it.

It is thus no coincidence that the challenge to Arafat's leadership that

began in the first week of May was spearheaded by a group of young Fatah field officers based in the Syrian-controlled Bekaa Valley.

Led by Col. Sa'id Musa (Abu Musa), the Fatah rebels demand that Arafat renounce his diplomatic strategy and commit the PLO to armed struggle against Israel. They also favour more collective leadership. Until this week, however, the rebels did not seek Arafat's replacement.

About two weeks ago the rebellion suddenly turned violent. Apparently encouraged or even aided by Syria, and supported by Ahmed Jibril's radical Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine — General Command, the rebels began to fight for control of several Fatah bases in the Bekaa. By the end of this week the rebels claimed to have taken over several key strongholds. What had been a violent but largely bloodless political debate had become a full-scale, bloody insurrection.

With the Bekaa and the Beirut-Damascus highway controlled by the rebels, the loyalists, led by Arafat's closest aide Khalil al-Wazir (Abu Jihad), have gathered in Tripoli in preparation for what now seems an unavoidable head-on confrontation between the two sides.

Reconciliation seems impossible, with one of the key rebel officers, long-time Arafat opponent Nimr Salah (Abu Salah), vowing to fight to the finish.

THE DISPUTE is now dividing the whole of the PLO, and the lines along which the organization appears to have split could be decisive in determining the outcome of the insurrection.

Most significantly, the two largest groupings in the PLO after Fatah, George Habash's Popular Front for the Liberation of Palestine and Nayef Hawatma's Democratic Front for the Liberation of Palestine, after remaining neutral for much of the dispute, appear to have come down firmly on the side of a unified PLO under Arafat, but a PLO committed to a more radical programme.

This appears to have greatly concerned the rebels. Rebel spokesman Salah, for example, this week branded Hawatma, along with Arafat and Wazir, pro-Zionist "traitors."

On the other side, Jibril's radical PFLP-GC has thrown in its lot with the rebels, siding them in the latest fighting and endorsing Salah in calling for Arafat's overthrow.

The tiny Popular Struggle Front led by Sami Ghosni and the Syrian-controlled Saika also strongly support the rebels, but it is not known whether they would follow Jibril

The Friday Dry Bones



into an irrevocable breach with Arafat. Saika's position will undoubtedly be determined by Damascus, which, in view of this week's developments, must be in something of a quandary concerning the crisis in the PLO.

SYRIA HAS long opposed Arafat's independent, diplomacy-oriented line, particularly as this drew the PLO increasingly into the pro-Western camp of Jordan and Saudi Arabia and away from the Syrian-led Arab rejection front.

Much personal animosity also exists between Syrian President Hafez Assad and Arafat, and after striving to maintain a neutral posture throughout much of the dispute, Assad appears to have let his personal feelings get the better of him last week when he summarily booted Arafat out of Damascus.

This was a move that threatened to precipitate a major split in the PLO, something which now appears to have been averted by the somewhat unexpected resistance to what looked like an attempt to get rid of Arafat and replace him with someone more amenable to Damascus. The resistance came in the form of the surprisingly forthright intervention of Habash and Hawatma.

Both leaders, who are strongly pro-Syrian on most issues, made it plain to Assad this week that there is a limit to their loyalty, and that Palestinian solidarity comes first. Habash met with Assad and appears to have convinced him that he acted precipitously in expelling Arafat last Friday, stressing that Assad would not be able to rely on PFLP or DFLP support should he come out openly for the rebels in a showdown in the PLO.

Assad, probably the shrewdest political operator in the Arab world today, appears to have recognized

that he has little to gain by championing what would inevitably be a radical splinter group comprising the Fatah rebels, and other firebrands like Jibril and Ghosni.

Accordingly, he is reported to have assured Habash that he is open to reconciliation with Arafat, and that the PLO leader will "shortly" be allowed back in Syria.

Meanwhile, Assad is still reported to be at least indirectly aiding the rebels in the Bekaa by allowing them almost total freedom of movement, while severely restricting that of the Arafat loyalists. His strategy appears to be to keep up strong military pressure on Arafat, in the hope that this will make him more forthcoming when the time comes to settle the dispute by negotiation.

THE PICTURE then in what is still an extremely fluid situation appears to be one of extreme polarization within the PLO, with the bulk of the organization lining up, if not behind Arafat's policies, then at least behind his continued leadership.

There is a reasonable chance that Syria will come to terms with such a development, acknowledging that this is the only way it can hope to maintain influence over the organization.

Any bid to totally dominate the PLO by seeking Arafat's overthrow would be counterproductive. Were the organization to be perceived both by the Palestinians and by the world at large as totally subordinate to Damascus, its present un-

challenged status as "sole legitimate representative of the Palestinians" would be severely undercut. This would not be to Syria's advantage.

It is also conceivable that there will be a split among the Fatah dissidents, with the more coolheaded among them, perhaps including Abu Musa himself, opting for reconciliation with an Arafat prepared to follow a more radical line. Others, like the hot-headed Abu Salah, could join Jibril, possibly to follow an earlier Fatah rebel, Sabri al-Banna (Abu Nida) into a campaign of international terror against Israeli and Jewish targets.

But, in view of the present position being taken by Habash and Hawatma, the spectre of a major split in the PLO that would leave Arafat confronting a radical pro-Syrian coalition based on the rebels, the PFLP and the DFLP, appears to have receded for the moment.

Arafat of course will have to pay a steep price for the success he has received from Habash and Hawatma. He will have to concede what has been plainly unwilling to do so far — that the balance of power in the PLO has shifted into his hands into those of the radicals, and that henceforth, he will have to dance to their tune of armed struggle just as they were forced to dance to his diplomatic tune during the long years he reigned supreme.

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POSTSCRIPTS

REV. JOHN HAGEE, a leading pastor in Texas, has apologized to the Jewish people for what he called 1,800 years of persecution by Christianity. Hagee was recently featured speaker with Israeli consul-general Moshe Gidron at a "Night to Honour Israel" in Houston.

Hagee believes that Christians have historically been responsible for the persecution of Jews. "All the things Hitler did when he came to power, the church had done before him," he told his listeners. "It is time for Christians to stop praising the dead Jews of the past — Abraham and Jacob and Isaac — while persecuting the Jews across the street."

Hagee criticized what he called the appalling lack of knowledge in the Christian community of their past theologies and practices that made the Holocaust possible. He said he hopes that once Christians realize what they have done, they

will ask forgiveness. He also recently presented Hadassah with a cheque for \$7,833. *A.Z.*

ANTI-SEMITISM in Canada today is worse than it has been for many years, according to the League for Human Rights of B'nai B'rith Canada, which recently released a report on anti-semitic incidents in that country.

According to the survey, there is a direct relationship between the negative coverage of Israel's role in the Lebanese conflict and the rise in anti-semitism in Canada. More than 81 per cent of the 39 reported incidents in Ontario and Quebec took place during the months following the war and at the height of the propaganda campaign launched against Israel. The incidents included bomb threats, vandalism, Nazi graffiti and desecrations of Jewish cemeteries. There were also 41 recorded acts of harassment of individual Jews and Jewish institutions. *J.S.I.*

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